



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0019

Introduced , by Rep. Joe Sosnowski

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 2.5 new

ILCON Art. V, Sec. 2

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Prohibits a person from holding the office of State Senator or State Representative or a combination of those offices for more than 20 years; provided that service before the second Wednesday in January of 2013 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's service. Proposes to amend the Executive Article of the Illinois Constitution. Prohibits an executive branch officer from serving more than 2 consecutive terms in the same executive branch office. Effective upon being declared adopted. Applies to the election of executive branch officers in 2014 and thereafter.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the
6 electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general
7 election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of
8 this resolution a proposition to amend the Illinois
9 Constitution by adding Section 2.5 to Article IV and by
10 changing Section 2 of Article 5 as follows:

11 ARTICLE IV
12 THE LEGISLATURE

13 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 2.5 new)

14 SECTION 2.5. TERM LIMITS

15 A person may not hold the office of State Senator or State
16 Representative or a combination of those offices for more than
17 20 years; provided that service before the second Wednesday in
18 January of 2013 shall not be considered in the calculation of a
19 person's service.

20 ARTICLE V
21 THE EXECUTIVE

1 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 2)

2 SECTION 2. TERMS

3 (a) These elected officers of the Executive Branch shall
4 hold office for four years beginning on the second Monday of
5 January after their election and, except in the case of the
6 Lieutenant Governor, until their successors are qualified.
7 They shall be elected at the general election in 1978 and every
8 four years thereafter.

9 (b) A person may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms of
10 office within the same Executive Branch office. A person who
11 has served 2 consecutive terms within the same Executive Branch
12 office may not serve another term of office in that office
13 until 8 years after the conclusion of the person's second
14 consecutive term.

15 A person is considered to serve a term of office for the
16 purpose of this subsection if the person is elected or
17 appointed to serve any portion of the term.

18 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

19 SCHEDULE

20 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
21 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
22 Constitutional Amendment Act and applies to the election of
23 officers of the executive branch in 2014 and thereafter.