



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

SC0079

Introduced 11/13/2012, by Sen. Dan Kotowski

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 6

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that a person who has served 2 consecutive 2-year terms as Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or Minority Leader of the Senate may not be reelected to the same office for a period of 4 years after his or her second term expires. Service before the second Wednesday in January of 2013 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's service. Effective upon being declared adopted and applies to service on or after the second Wednesday in January, 2013.

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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 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 Article IV of the
9 Illinois Constitution by changing Section 6 as follows:

10 ARTICLE IV
11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (IILCON Art. IV, Sec. 6)

13 SECTION 6. ORGANIZATION

14 (a) A majority of the members elected to each house
15 constitutes a quorum.

16 (b) On the first day of the January session of the General
17 Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Secretary of State shall
18 convene the House of Representatives to elect from its
19 membership a Speaker of the House of Representatives as
20 presiding officer, and the Governor shall convene the Senate to
21 elect from its membership a President of the Senate as
22 presiding officer.

23 (c) For purposes of powers of appointment conferred by this

1 Constitution, the Minority Leader of either house is a member
2 of the numerically strongest political party other than the
3 party to which the Speaker or the President belongs, as the
4 case may be. A person who has served 2 consecutive 2-year terms
5 as Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the
6 Senate, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or
7 Minority Leader of the Senate may not be re-elected to the same
8 office for a period of 4 years after his or her second term
9 expires. Service before the second Wednesday in January of 2013
10 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's
11 service.

12 (d) Each house shall determine the rules of its
13 proceedings, judge the elections, returns and qualifications
14 of its members and choose its officers. No member shall be
15 expelled by either house, except by a vote of two-thirds of the
16 members elected to that house. A member may be expelled only
17 once for the same offense. Each house may punish by
18 imprisonment any person, not a member, guilty of disrespect to
19 the house by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its
20 presence. Imprisonment shall not extend beyond twenty-four
21 hours at one time unless the person persists in disorderly or
22 contemptuous behavior.

23 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

24 SCHEDULE

25 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being

1 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
2 Constitutional Amendment Act.