



**99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2015 and 2016**

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**SC0018**

Introduced 8/4/2015, by Sen. Dan Kotowski

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 6

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Limits a person's service in the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the House, or Minority Leader of the Senate to 8 years in any one office. Effective upon being declared adopted and applies to service on or after the second Wednesday in January, 2017.

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1                                   SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION  
2                                   CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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                   (ILCON 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. A person may serve no more than 8 years in  
23 any one of the following offices: Speaker of the House of

1 Representatives, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of  
2 the House of Representatives, or Minority Leader of the Senate;  
3 provided that service before the second Wednesday in January of  
4 2017 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's  
5 service.

6 (c) For purposes of powers of appointment conferred by this  
7 Constitution, the Minority Leader of either house is a member  
8 of the numerically strongest political party other than the  
9 party to which the Speaker or the President belongs, as the  
10 case may be.

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

22 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

23 SCHEDULE

24 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being  
25 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois

1 Constitutional Amendment Act.