

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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

10 ARTICLE IV
11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 2)

13 SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE COMPOSITION

14 (a) One Senator shall be elected from each Legislative
15 District. Immediately following each decennial redistricting,
16 the General Assembly by law shall divide the Legislative
17 Districts as equally as possible into three groups. Senators
18 from one group shall be elected for terms of four years, four
19 years and two years; Senators from the second group, for
20 terms of four years, two years and four years; and Senators
21 from the third group, for terms of two years, four years and
22 four years. The Legislative Districts in each group shall be
23 distributed substantially equally over the State.

24 (b) Each Legislative District shall be divided into two
25 Representative Districts. In 1982 and every two years
26 thereafter one Representative shall be elected from each
27 Representative District for a term of two years.

28 (c) To be eligible to serve as a member of the General
29 Assembly, a person must be a United States citizen, at least
30 21 years old, and for the two years preceding his election or
31 appointment a resident of the district which he is to
32 represent. In the general election following a redistricting,

1 a candidate for the General Assembly may be elected from any
 2 district which contains a part of the district in which he
 3 resided at the time of the redistricting and reelected if a
 4 resident of the new district he represents for 18 months
 5 prior to reelection.

6 (d) If a vacancy in the office of Senator or
 7 Representative occurs 180 or fewer days before the next
 8 general election, the vacancy shall be filled at the next
 9 general election. If a vacancy in the office of Senator or
 10 Representative occurs more than 180 days before the next
 11 general election, the vacancy shall be filled at a special
 12 election as provided by law. A person elected to fill a
 13 vacancy in office shall serve for the remainder of the term.
 14 ~~Within-thirty-days-after-a-vacaney-occurs, it shall be filled~~
 15 ~~by--appointment--as--provided--by--law.-If-the-vacancy-is-in-a~~
 16 ~~Senatorial--office--with--more---than---twenty-eight---months~~
 17 ~~remaining--in--the--term,--the--appointed-Senator-shall-serve~~
 18 ~~until-the-next-general-election,--at--which--time--a--Senator~~
 19 ~~shall--be--elected-to-serve-for-the-remainder-of-the-term.-If~~
 20 ~~the-vacancy-is-in-a-Representative-office--or--in--any--other~~
 21 ~~Senatorial-office,--the-appointment-shall-be-for-the-remainder~~
 22 ~~of-the-term.-An-appointee-to-fill-a-vacancy-shall-be-a-member~~
 23 ~~of-the-same-political-party-as-the-person-he-succeeds.~~

24 (e) No member of the General Assembly shall receive
 25 compensation as a public officer or employee from any other
 26 governmental entity for time during which he is in attendance
 27 as a member of the General Assembly.

28 No member of the General Assembly during the term for
 29 which he was elected or appointed shall be appointed to a
 30 public office which shall have been created or the
 31 compensation for which shall have been increased by the
 32 General Assembly during that term.

33 (Source: Amendment adopted at general election November 4,
 34 1980.)

1 SCHEDULE

2 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
3 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
4 Constitutional Amendment Act.