



**100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2017 and 2018**

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**SC0008**

Introduced 2/8/2017, by Sen. Thomas Cullerton

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 2

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that if there is a vacancy in a Representative office (currently, only Senatorial office) with twelve months or more (currently, more than twenty-eight months) remaining in the term, the appointed Representative shall serve until the next primary or general election, whichever is sooner, at which time a Representative shall be elected to serve for the remainder of the term. Provides that the General Assembly shall provide by law a uniform special election process which shall promote voter participation and provide for the most cost effective special election to fill the vacancies. Provides that if the vacancy occurs in a Representative office or Senatorial office with less than twelve months remaining in the term, the appointment shall be for the remainder of the term. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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1                                   SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION  
2                                   CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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 Section 2 to Article IV  
9 of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10                                   ARTICLE IV  
11                                   THE LEGISLATURE

12                   (IILCON 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 terms  
20 of four years, two years and four years; and Senators from the  
21 third group, for terms of two years, four years and four years.  
22 The Legislative Districts in each group shall be distributed  
23 substantially equally over the State.

1           (b) Each Legislative District shall be divided into two  
2 Representative Districts. In 1982 and every two years  
3 thereafter one Representative shall be elected from each  
4 Representative District for a term of two years.

5           (c) To be eligible to serve as a member of the General  
6 Assembly, a person must be a United States citizen, at least 21  
7 years old, and for the two years preceding his election or  
8 appointment a resident of the district which he is to  
9 represent. In the general election following a redistricting, a  
10 candidate for the General Assembly may be elected from any  
11 district which contains a part of the district in which he  
12 resided at the time of the redistricting and reelected if a  
13 resident of the new district he represents for 18 months prior  
14 to reelection.

15           (d) Within thirty days after a vacancy occurs, it shall be  
16 filled by appointment as provided by law. If the vacancy is in  
17 a Senatorial or Representative office with twelve ~~more than~~  
18 ~~twenty-eight~~ months or more remaining in the term, the  
19 appointed Senator or Representative shall serve until the next  
20 primary or general election, whichever is sooner, at which time  
21 a Senator or Representative shall be elected to serve for the  
22 remainder of the term. The General Assembly shall provide by  
23 law a uniform special election process which shall promote  
24 voter participation and provide for the most cost effective  
25 special election to fill these vacancies. If the vacancy is in  
26 a Representative office or ~~in any other~~ Senatorial office with

1 less than twelve months remaining in the term, the appointment  
2 shall be for the remainder of the term. An appointee to fill a  
3 vacancy shall be a member of the same political party as the  
4 person he succeeds.

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

9 No member of the General Assembly during the term for which  
10 he was elected or appointed shall be appointed to a public  
11 office which shall have been created or the compensation for  
12 which shall have been increased by the General Assembly during  
13 that term.

14 (Source: Amendment adopted at general election November 4,  
15 1980.)

16 SCHEDULE

17 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being  
18 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois  
19 Constitutional Amendment Act.