

1                                   SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION  
2                                   CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD 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 of Article X  
9 of the Constitution as follows:

10   ARTICLE X  
11   EDUCATION

12                   (ILCON Art. X, Sec. 2)

13           SECTION 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION - STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF  
14 EDUCATION ~~CHIEF STATE EDUCATIONAL OFFICER~~

15           (a) There is created a State Board of Education to be  
16 elected or selected on a regional basis. The number of members,  
17 their qualifications, terms of office and manner of election or  
18 selection shall be provided by law. The Board shall advise the  
19 State Superintendent of Education concerning, ~~except as~~  
20 ~~limited by law, may establish~~ goals, ~~determine~~ policies,  
21 ~~provide for~~ planning and evaluating education programs, and  
22 ~~recommend~~ financing. The Board shall have such other duties and  
23 powers as provided by law.

24           (b) A State Superintendent of Education shall be nominated  
25 at a general primary election and elected by the electors of  
26 the State at the general election every 4 years, beginning in  
27 2006. The State Superintendent of Education shall hold office  
28 for 4 years beginning on the second Monday of January after his  
29 or her election. To be eligible to hold the office of State  
30 Superintendent of Education a person must be a United States  
31 citizen, at least 25 years old, and a resident of the State for  
32 10 years preceding his or her election.

33           The names of the candidates for State Superintendent of

1 Education shall be printed on the ballot directly below the  
2 names of the candidates for Secretary of State.

3 Any vacancy in the office of State Superintendent of  
4 Education shall be filled in the manner provided in Section 7  
5 of Article V.

6 The State Superintendent of Education shall be the chief  
7 educational officer of the State. The State Superintendent of  
8 Education shall establish goals, determine policies, provide  
9 for planning and evaluating education programs, and recommend  
10 financing. The State Superintendent of Education shall have  
11 such other duties and powers as provided by law. ~~The State~~  
12 ~~Board of Education shall appoint a chief state educational~~  
13 ~~officer.~~

14 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

15 SCHEDULE

16 A State Superintendent of Education shall be elected in  
17 2006 and thereafter. When the State Superintendent of Education  
18 initially elected under Section 2 of Article X of the Illinois  
19 Constitution takes office, the term of office of the chief  
20 state educational officer appointed by the State Board of  
21 Education shall expire. This Constitutional Amendment  
22 otherwise takes effect when the State Superintendent of  
23 Education initially elected under Section 2 of Article X of the  
24 Illinois Constitution takes office.