



**96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2009 and 2010**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**HC0009**

Introduced 1/22/2009, by Rep. Sidney H. Mathias

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 6

Proposes to amend The Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Limits a person's total 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 a total of 10 years in any one office and 14 years combined in 2 or more offices. Effective upon being declared adopted and applies to service on or after the second Wednesday in January, 2012.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION  
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
5 SENATE 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 a total of  
23 10 years in any one of the following offices and no more than a

1 combined total of 14 years in any 2 or more of the following  
2 offices: Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of  
3 the Senate, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or  
4 Minority Leader of the Senate; provided that service before the  
5 second Wednesday in January of 2012 shall not be considered in  
6 the calculation of a person's service.

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

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.