



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

SC0007

Introduced 2/8/2011, by Sen. Matt Murphy

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. VII, Sec. 2

Proposes to amend the Local Government Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that a single township or two or more contiguous townships may be disconnected from Cook County and may form a new county. Provides that the disconnection must be approved by referendum adopted by a majority of the votes cast on the proposition in the township or townships, as applicable. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH 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 VII of the
9 Illinois Constitution by changing Section 2 as follows:

10 ARTICLE VII
11 LOCAL GOVERNMENT

12 (ILCON Art. VII, Sec. 2)

13 SECTION 2. COUNTY TERRITORY, BOUNDARIES AND SEATS

14 (a) The General Assembly shall provide by law for the
15 formation, consolidation, merger, division, and dissolution of
16 counties, and for the transfer of territory between counties.

17 (b) County boundaries shall not be changed unless approved
18 by referendum in each county affected, except as provided in
19 subsection (d).

20 (c) County seats shall not be changed unless approved by
21 three-fifths of those voting on the question in a county-wide
22 referendum.

23 (d) In Cook County, a single township or two or more

1 contiguous townships may be disconnected from Cook County and
2 form a new county. The disconnection must be approved by
3 referendum adopted by a majority of the votes cast on the
4 proposition in the township or townships, as applicable. The
5 referendum may be initiated by ordinance of the township or
6 townships, as applicable, or by petition signed by at least ten
7 percent of the electors of the township or townships, as
8 applicable, and the referendum shall be conducted, all as
9 provided by law.

10 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

11 SCHEDULE

12 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
13 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
14 Constitutional Amendment Act.