



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

SC0055

Introduced 2/10/2012, by Sen. Annazette R. Collins

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

(ILCON Art. XIV, Sec. 5 new)

Proposes to amend the Constitutional Revision Article of the Illinois Constitution. Authorizes amendments to the statement of economic interests Section of the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Constitution by initiative. Requires that the amendment be limited to establishing and enforcing ethical standards for State and local officeholders and candidates. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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 XIV of the
9 Illinois Constitution by adding Section 5 as follows:

10 ARTICLE XIV
11 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

12 (ILCON Art. XIV, Sec. 5 new)

13 SECTION 5. CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE FOR ETHICAL STANDARDS

14 Amendments to Section 2 of Article XIII of this
15 Constitution may be proposed by a petition signed by a number
16 of electors equal to at least 8% of the total votes cast for
17 candidates for Governor in the preceding gubernatorial
18 election. Amendments shall be limited to subjects that
19 establish and enforce ethical standards, including campaign
20 finance reform, for candidates for or holders of office in
21 units of local government, in school districts, or in the
22 legislative, executive, or judicial branch of State
23 government. A petition shall contain the text of the proposed

1 amendment and the date of the general election at which the
2 proposed amendment is to be submitted, shall have been signed
3 by the petitioning electors not more than 24 months preceding
4 that general election, and shall be filed with the State Board
5 of Elections at least 6 months before that general election.
6 The procedure for determining the validity and sufficiency of a
7 petition shall be provided by law. If the petition is valid and
8 sufficient, the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the
9 electors at the general election and shall be adopted if
10 approved by either three-fifths of those voting on the question
11 or a majority of those voting in the election.

12 SCHEDULE

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