



**98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2013 and 2014**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**HC0014**

Introduced , by Rep. Joe Sosnowski

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 2.5 new

ILCON Art. V, Sec. 2

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Prohibits a person from holding the office of State Senator or State Representative or a combination of those offices for more than 20 years; provided that service before the second Wednesday in January of 2015 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's service. Proposes to amend the Executive Article of the Illinois Constitution. Prohibits an executive branch officer from serving more than 2 consecutive terms in the same executive branch office. Effective upon being declared adopted. Applies to the election of executive branch officers in 2018 and thereafter.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION  
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-EIGHTH 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 the Illinois  
9 Constitution by adding Section 2.5 to Article IV and by  
10 changing Section 2 of Article 5 as follows:

11 ARTICLE IV  
12 THE LEGISLATURE

13 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 2.5 new)

14 SECTION 2.5. TERM LIMITS

15 A person may not hold the office of State Senator or State  
16 Representative or a combination of those offices for more than  
17 20 years; provided that service before the second Wednesday in  
18 January of 2015 shall not be considered in the calculation of a  
19 person's service.

20 ARTICLE V  
21 THE EXECUTIVE

1 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 2)

2 SECTION 2. TERMS

3 (a) These elected officers of the Executive Branch shall  
4 hold office for four years beginning on the second Monday of  
5 January after their election and, except in the case of the  
6 Lieutenant Governor, until their successors are qualified.  
7 They shall be elected at the general election in 1978 and every  
8 four years thereafter.

9 (b) A person may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms of  
10 office within the same Executive Branch office. A person who  
11 has served 2 consecutive terms within the same Executive Branch  
12 office may not serve another term of office in that office  
13 until 8 years after the conclusion of the person's second  
14 consecutive term.

15 A person is considered to serve a term of office for the  
16 purpose of this subsection if the person is elected or  
17 appointed to serve any portion of the term.

18 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

19 SCHEDULE

20 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being  
21 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois  
22 Constitutional Amendment Act and applies to the election of  
23 officers of the executive branch in 2018 and thereafter.