



**98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2013 and 2014**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**HC0028**

Introduced , by Rep. Jim Durkin

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 6

Proposes to amend a portion of the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution that concerns the organization of the General Assembly. Deletes a provision which provides that a member of the General Assembly may be expelled from office only once for the same offense. Effective upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

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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 Section 6 of Article IV  
9 of the Illinois Constitution 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.

23           (c) For purposes of powers of appointment conferred by this

1 Constitution, the Minority Leader of either house is a member  
2 of the numerically strongest political party other than the  
3 party to which the Speaker or the President belongs, as the  
4 case may be.

5 (d) Each house shall determine the rules of its  
6 proceedings, judge the elections, returns and qualifications  
7 of its members and choose its officers. No member shall be  
8 expelled by either house, except by a vote of two-thirds of the  
9 members elected to that house. ~~A member may be expelled only~~  
10 ~~once for the same offense.~~ Each house may punish by  
11 imprisonment any person, not a member, guilty of disrespect to  
12 the house by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its  
13 presence. Imprisonment shall not extend beyond twenty-four  
14 hours at one time unless the person persists in disorderly or  
15 contemptuous behavior.

16 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

17 SCHEDULE

18 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being  
19 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois  
20 Constitutional Amendment Act.