



**99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2015 and 2016**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**HC0054**

Introduced , by Rep. Brian W. Stewart

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. III, Sec. 7

Proposes to amend the Suffrage and Elections Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides for the recall of all State Executive Branch officers and members of the General Assembly. Changes the signature requirements for affidavits and petitions for recall of the Governor. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION  
 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
 4 NINETY-NINTH 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 7 of Article III  
 9 of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE III  
 11 SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

12 (ILCON Art. III, Sec. 7)  
 13 SECTION 7. INITIATIVE TO RECALL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS  
 14 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ~~GOVERNOR~~

15 (a) The recall of any Executive Branch officer named in  
 16 Section 1 of Article V ~~the Governor~~ may be proposed by a  
 17 petition signed by a number of electors equal in number to at  
 18 least 10% ~~15%~~ of the total votes cast for Governor in the  
 19 preceding gubernatorial election, with at least 100 signatures  
 20 from each of at least 25 separate counties. In addition, the  
 21 recall of any member of the General Assembly may be proposed by  
 22 a petition signed by a number of electors equal in number to at  
 23 least 10% of the total votes cast for that office in the

1 member's Legislative District or Representative District, as  
2 applicable, in the general election in which the member was  
3 last elected. A petition shall have been signed by the  
4 petitioning electors not more than 150 days after an affidavit  
5 has been filed with the State Board of Elections providing  
6 notice of intent to circulate a petition to recall the  
7 Executive Branch officer or member of the General Assembly  
8 ~~Governor~~. The affidavit may be filed no sooner than 6 months  
9 after the beginning of the officer's or member's ~~Governor's~~  
10 term of office. ~~The affidavit shall have been signed by the~~  
11 ~~proponent of the recall petition, at least 20 members of the~~  
12 ~~House of Representatives, and at least 10 members of the~~  
13 ~~Senate, with no more than half of the signatures of members of~~  
14 ~~each chamber from the same established political party.~~

15 (b) The form of the petition, circulation, and procedure  
16 for determining the validity and sufficiency of a petition  
17 shall be as provided by law. If the petition is valid and  
18 sufficient, the State Board of Elections shall certify the  
19 petition not more than 100 days after the date the petition was  
20 filed, and the question "Shall (name) be recalled from the  
21 office of (office) ~~Governor~~?" must be submitted to the electors  
22 at a special election called by the State Board of Elections,  
23 to occur not more than 100 days after certification of the  
24 petition. A recall petition certified by the State Board of  
25 Elections may not be withdrawn and another recall petition may  
26 not be initiated against the same officer or member ~~Governor~~

1 during the remainder of his or her ~~the~~ current term of office.  
2 In the case of an Executive Branch officer, any ~~Any~~ recall  
3 petition or recall election pending on the date of the next  
4 general election at which a candidate for that office ~~a~~  
5 ~~candidate for Governor~~ is elected is moot. In the case of a  
6 member of the General Assembly, any recall petition or recall  
7 election pending on the date of the next general election at  
8 which a member is elected from that member's Legislative or  
9 Representative District is moot.

10 (c) If a petition to recall an Executive Branch officer or  
11 member of the General Assembly ~~the Governor~~ has been filed with  
12 the State Board of Elections, a person eligible to serve in the  
13 office with respect to which the recall petition has been filed  
14 ~~as Governor~~ may propose his or her candidacy by a petition  
15 signed by a number of electors equal in number to the  
16 requirement for petitions for an established party candidate  
17 for the office ~~of Governor~~, signed by petitioning electors not  
18 more than 50 days after a recall petition has been filed with  
19 the State Board of Elections. The form of a successor election  
20 petition, circulation, and procedure for determining the  
21 validity and sufficiency of a petition shall be as provided by  
22 law. If the successor election petition is valid and  
23 sufficient, the State Board of Elections shall certify the  
24 petition not more than 100 days after the date the recall  
25 ~~petition to recall the Governor~~ was filed. Names of candidates  
26 for nomination to serve as the candidate of an established

1 political party must be submitted to the electors at a special  
2 primary election, if necessary, called by the State Board of  
3 Elections to be held at the same time as the special election  
4 on the question of recall established under subsection (b).  
5 Names of candidates for the successor election must be  
6 submitted to the electors at a special successor election  
7 called by the State Board of Elections, to occur not more than  
8 60 days after the date of the special primary election or on a  
9 date established by law.

10 (d) The Executive Branch officer or member of the General  
11 Assembly Governor is immediately removed upon certification of  
12 the recall election results if a majority of the electors  
13 voting on the question vote in favor of recall ~~to recall the~~  
14 ~~Governor~~. If the Governor is removed, then (i) an Acting  
15 Governor determined under subsection (a) of Section 6 of  
16 Article V shall serve until the Governor elected at the special  
17 successor election is qualified and (ii) the candidate who  
18 receives the highest number of votes in the special successor  
19 election is elected Governor for the balance of the term. If an  
20 Executive Branch officer other than the Governor is removed,  
21 then the Governor shall appoint a successor as provided in  
22 Section 7 of Article V to serve until a successor is elected at  
23 the special successor election and qualified. If a member of  
24 the General Assembly is removed, then a successor shall be  
25 appointed as provided in Section 2 of Article IV to serve until  
26 a successor is elected at the special successor election and

1 qualified.

2 (Source: Amendment adopted at general election November 2,  
3 2010.)

4 SCHEDULE

5 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being  
6 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois  
7 Constitutional Amendment Act.