



**99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2015 and 2016**

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**SC0019**

Introduced 9/18/2015, by Sen. Melinda Bush

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 6

ILCON Art. V, Sec. 2

Proposes to amend the Legislative and Executive Articles of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that a person who has served four 2-year terms as Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or Minority Leader of the Senate may not be reelected to the same office. Provides that service before the second Wednesday in January of 2017 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's service. Provides that a person may not be elected to the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor for terms totalling more than 8 years for each office. Provides that service before the second Monday in January of 2017 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's service.

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1                                   SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION  
2                                   CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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 Section 6 of Article IV  
9 and Section 2 of Article V of the Illinois Constitution as  
10 follows:

11                                   ARTICLE IV  
12                                   THE LEGISLATURE

13           (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 6)

14           SECTION 6. ORGANIZATION

15           (a) A majority of the members elected to each house  
16 constitutes a quorum.

17           (b) On the first day of the January session of the General  
18 Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Secretary of State shall  
19 convene the House of Representatives to elect from its  
20 membership a Speaker of the House of Representatives as  
21 presiding officer, and the Governor shall convene the Senate to  
22 elect from its membership a President of the Senate as  
23 presiding officer.

1 (c) For purposes of powers of appointment conferred by this  
2 Constitution, the Minority Leader of either house is a member  
3 of the numerically strongest political party other than the  
4 party to which the Speaker or the President belongs, as the  
5 case may be. A person who has served four 2-year terms as  
6 Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the  
7 Senate, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or  
8 Minority Leader of the Senate may not be re-elected to the same  
9 office. Service before the second Wednesday in January of 2017  
10 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's  
11 service.

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

23 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

24 ARTICLE V

25 THE EXECUTIVE

1 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 2)

2 SECTION 2. TERMS

3 These elected officers of the Executive Branch shall hold  
4 office for four years beginning on the second Monday of January  
5 after their election and, except in the case of the Lieutenant  
6 Governor, until their successors are qualified. They shall be  
7 elected at the general election in 1978 and every four years  
8 thereafter. A person may not be elected to the office of  
9 Governor or Lieutenant Governor for terms totalling more than 8  
10 years for each office. Service before the second Monday in  
11 January of 2017 shall not be considered in the calculation of a  
12 person's service.

13 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

14 SCHEDULE

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