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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
 2 the State of Iowa to limit the term of office of governor.
 3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Section 2 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of
4 Iowa, as amended by amendment number 1 of the Amendments of
5 1972 and amendment number 1 of the Amendments of 1988, is
6 repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

7 ELECTION AND TERM. SEC. 2. The Governor and the
8 Lieutenant Governor shall be elected by the registered voters
9 at the time and place of voting for members of the General
10 Assembly. Each of them shall hold office for four years from
11 the time of installation in office and until a successor is
12 elected and qualifies. A person shall not be elected as
13 Governor more than two consecutive times. If a person serves
14 three or more years of a term to which some other person was
15 elected, the partial term shall be included as a consecutive
16 election. This limitation on the number of terms shall apply
17 to terms of office beginning on or after January 1, 1999.

18 Sec. 2. The foregoing amendment to the Constitution of the
19 State of Iowa is referred to the General Assembly to be chosen
20 at the next general election for members of the General
21 Assembly and the Secretary of State is directed to cause the
22 same to be published for three consecutive months previous to
23 the date of that election as provided by law.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This resolution proposes an amendment to the Constitution
26 of the State of Iowa providing that a person elected to the
27 office of governor is limited to two consecutive terms of
28 office. A partial term of three years or more is considered a
29 consecutive election. The limitation applies to terms of
30 office beginning on or after January 1, 1999. The resolution,
31 if adopted, would be referred to the next general assembly
32 before being submitted to the electorate for ratification.

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