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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5  
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
2 the State of Iowa to limit the years of service for members of  
3 the Senate and the House of Representatives, and to limit the  
4 years of service for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney  
5 General, Secretary of State, Auditor of State, and Treasurer  
6 of State.

7 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 1. Section 3 of Article III of the Constitution of the  
4 State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu  
5 thereof:

6 REPRESENTATIVES. Sec. 3. The members of the House of  
7 Representatives shall be chosen every second year, by the  
8 qualified electors of their respective districts, and their  
9 term of office shall commence on the first day of January next  
10 after their election, and continue two years, and until their  
11 successors are elected and qualified. A person shall not be  
12 elected for a term as Representative if the term would result  
13 in more than a total of twelve years of service or six two-  
14 year terms as a Representative. If a person is elected or  
15 appointed to serve a portion of a term to which some other  
16 person was elected or appointed but that person died in office  
17 or resigned from office or was otherwise removed from office,  
18 those years served shall not be included in the terms of  
19 office or total years of service. This limitation on the  
20 number of terms and the years of service and the phase-in of  
21 the four-year terms shall only apply to terms of office  
22 beginning on or after January 1, 1999.

23 2. Section 5 of Article III of the Constitution of the  
24 State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu  
25 thereof:

26 SENATORS -- QUALIFICATIONS. Sec. 5. Senators shall be  
27 chosen for a term of four years, at the same time and place as  
28 Representatives; they shall be twenty-five years of age, and  
29 possess the qualifications of Representatives as to residence  
30 and citizenship. A person shall not be elected for a term as  
31 Senator if the term would result in more than a total of  
32 twelve years of service or three four-year terms as a Senator.  
33 If a person is elected or appointed to serve a portion of a  
34 term to which some other person was elected or appointed but  
35 that person died in office or resigned from office or was

1 otherwise removed from office, those years served shall not be  
2 included in the terms of office or total years of service.  
3 This limitation on the number of terms and the years of  
4 service shall only apply to terms of office beginning on or  
5 after January 1, 1999.

6 3. Section 2 of Article IV of the Constitution of the  
7 State of Iowa, as amended by amendment number 1 of the  
8 Amendments of 1972 and amendment number 1 of the Amendments of  
9 1988, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

10 ELECTION AND TERM. Sec. 2. The Governor and the  
11 Lieutenant Governor shall be elected by the qualified electors  
12 at the time and place of voting for members of the General  
13 Assembly. Each of them shall hold office for four years from  
14 the time of installation in office and until a successor is  
15 elected and qualifies. A person shall not be elected Governor  
16 or Lieutenant Governor if the term would result in more than a  
17 total of twelve years of service or three four-year terms in  
18 either office. If a person is elected or appointed to serve a  
19 portion of a term to which some other person was elected or  
20 appointed but that person died in office or resigned from  
21 office or was otherwise removed from office, those years  
22 served shall not be included in the terms of office or total  
23 years of service. This limitation on the number of terms and  
24 the years of service shall only apply to terms of office  
25 beginning on or after January 1, 1999.

26 4. Section 22 of Article IV of the Constitution of the  
27 State of Iowa, as amended by amendment number 1 of the  
28 Amendments of 1972, is repealed and the following adopted in  
29 lieu thereof:

30 SECRETARY -- AUDITOR -- TREASURER. Sec. 22. A Secretary  
31 of State, an Auditor of State, and a Treasurer of State shall  
32 be elected by the qualified electors at the same time that the  
33 Governor is elected and for a four-year term commencing on the  
34 first day of January next after their election, and they shall  
35 perform such duties as may be provided by law. A person shall

1 not be elected Secretary of State if the term would result in  
2 more than a total of twelve years of service or three four-  
3 year terms as Secretary of State. A person shall not be  
4 elected Auditor of State if the term would result in more than  
5 a total of twelve years of service or three four-year terms as  
6 Auditor of State. A person shall not be elected Treasurer of  
7 State if the term would result in more than a total of twelve  
8 years of service or three four-year terms as Treasurer of  
9 State. If a person is elected or appointed to serve a portion  
10 of a term to which some other person was elected or appointed  
11 but that person died in office or resigned from office or was  
12 otherwise removed from office, those years served shall not be  
13 included in the terms of office or total years of service.  
14 This limitation on the number of terms and the years of  
15 service shall only apply to terms of office beginning on or  
16 after January 1, 1999.

17 5. Section 12 of Article V of the Constitution of the  
18 State of Iowa, as amended by amendment number 1 of the  
19 Amendments of 1972, is repealed and the following adopted in  
20 lieu thereof:

21 ATTORNEY GENERAL. Sec. 12. The General Assembly shall  
22 provide, by law, for the election of an Attorney General by  
23 the people, whose term of office shall be four years, and  
24 until a successor is elected and qualifies. A person shall  
25 not be elected Attorney General if the term would result in  
26 more than a total of twelve years of service or three four-  
27 year terms as Attorney General. If a person is elected or  
28 appointed to serve a portion of a term to which some other  
29 person was elected or appointed but that person died in office  
30 or resigned from office or was otherwise removed from office,  
31 those years served shall not be included in the terms of  
32 office or total years of service. This limitation on the  
33 number of terms and the years of service shall only apply to  
34 terms of office beginning on or after January 1, 1999.

35 Sec. 2. The foregoing amendment to the Constitution of the

1 State of Iowa is referred to the General Assembly to be chosen  
2 at the next general election for members of the General  
3 Assembly and the Secretary of State is directed to cause the  
4 same to be published for three consecutive months previous to  
5 the date of that election as provided by law.

6 EXPLANATION

7 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the  
8 Constitution of the State of Iowa to provide that members of  
9 the Iowa house of representatives shall not serve more than  
10 six terms or twelve years as a representative and that members  
11 of the Iowa senate shall not serve more than three terms or  
12 twelve years as a senator. If a person serves a portion of a  
13 term to which some other person was elected or appointed, the  
14 partial term shall not be included in the number of terms or  
15 total years of service. The limitation on the number of terms  
16 and the years of service shall only apply to terms of office  
17 beginning on or after January 1, 1999.

18 The amendment also provides that persons elected to the  
19 office of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general,  
20 secretary of state, auditor of state, and treasurer of state  
21 are limited to three terms or twelve years in each office. If  
22 a person serves a portion of a term to which some other person  
23 was elected or appointed, the partial term shall not be  
24 included in the number of terms or total years of service.  
25 The limitation on the number of terms and the years of service  
26 shall only apply to terms of office beginning on or after  
27 January 1, 1999.

28 The resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the next  
29 general assembly before being submitted to the electorate for  
30 ratification.

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