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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 11  
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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 number of terms for members of  
3 the Senate and the House of Representatives, and to limit the  
4 number of terms of 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4 State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu  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 as a Representative more than six times. If a person  
13 is elected to serve a portion of a term to which some other  
14 person was elected, the partial term served shall not be  
15 included as an election.

16 This limitation on the number of terms shall apply to terms  
17 of office beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

18 2. Section 5 of Article III of the Constitution of the  
19 State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu  
20 thereof:

21 SENATORS -- QUALIFICATIONS. Sec. 5. Senators shall be  
22 chosen for the term of four years, at the same time and place  
23 as Representatives; they shall be twenty-five years of age,  
24 and possess the qualifications of Representatives as to  
25 residence and citizenship. A person shall not be elected as a  
26 Senator more than three times. If a person is elected to  
27 serve a portion of a term to which some other person was  
28 elected, the partial term served shall not be included as an  
29 election.

30 This limitation on the number of terms shall apply to terms  
31 of office beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

32 3. Section 2 of Article IV of the Constitution of the  
33 State of Iowa, as amended by amendment number 1 of the  
34 Amendments of 1972 and amendment number 1 of the Amendments of  
35 1988, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

1 ELECTION AND TERM. Sec. 2. The Governor and the  
2 Lieutenant Governor shall be elected by the qualified electors  
3 at the time and place of voting for members of the General  
4 Assembly. Each of them shall hold office for four years from  
5 the time of installation in office and until a successor is  
6 elected and qualifies. A person shall not be elected Governor  
7 or Lieutenant Governor more than three times. If a person  
8 succeeds to the office of Governor to serve a portion of a  
9 term to which some other person was elected Governor, the  
10 partial term shall not be included as an election. If a  
11 person is elected or appointed to serve as Lieutenant Governor  
12 for a portion of a term to which some other person was elected  
13 or appointed Lieutenant Governor, the partial term shall not  
14 be included as an election.

15 This limitation on the number of terms shall apply to terms  
16 of office beginning on or after January 1, 2003.

17 4. Section 22 of Article IV 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 SECRETARY -- AUDITOR -- TREASURER. Sec. 22. A Secretary  
22 of State, an Auditor of State and a Treasurer of State shall  
23 be elected by the qualified electors at the same time that the  
24 Governor is elected and for a four-year term commencing on the  
25 first day of January next after their election, and they shall  
26 perform such duties as may be provided by law. A person shall  
27 not be elected Secretary of State more than three times. A  
28 person shall not be elected Auditor of State more than three  
29 times. A person shall not be elected Treasurer of State more  
30 than three times. If a person is elected or appointed to  
31 serve a portion of a term to which some other person was  
32 elected or appointed, the partial term shall not be included  
33 as an election.

34 This limitation on the number of terms shall apply to terms  
35 of office beginning on or after January 1, 2003.

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

5 ATTORNEY GENERAL. Sec. 12. The General Assembly shall  
6 provide, by law, for the election of an Attorney General by  
7 the people, whose term of office shall be four years, and  
8 until a successor is elected and qualifies. A person shall  
9 not be elected Attorney General more than three times. If a  
10 person is elected or appointed to serve a portion of a term to  
11 which some other person was elected or appointed, the partial  
12 term shall not be included as an election.

13 This limitation on the number of terms shall apply to terms  
14 of office beginning on or after January 1, 2003.

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

21 EXPLANATION

22 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the  
23 Constitution of the State of Iowa to provide that members of  
24 the Iowa house of representatives shall not serve more than  
25 six terms and members of the Iowa senate shall not serve more  
26 than three terms. A partial term served is not included as an  
27 election. The limitation on the number of terms and years of  
28 service shall only apply to terms of office beginning on or  
29 after January 1, 2003.

30 The resolution also provides that persons elected to the  
31 office of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general,  
32 secretary of state, auditor of state, and treasurer of state  
33 are limited to three terms of office. A partial term served  
34 is not included as an election. The limitation on the number  
35 of terms shall only apply to terms of office beginning on or

1 after January 1, 2003.

2     The resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the next  
3 general assembly before being submitted to the electorate for  
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