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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3  
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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4 State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu  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 shall only apply to  
21 terms of office beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

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23 State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu  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

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

1 included in the terms of office or total years of service.  
2 This limitation on the number of terms and the years of  
3 service shall only apply to terms of office beginning on or  
4 after January 1, 2001.

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8 1988, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

9 ELECTION AND TERM. Sec. 2. The Governor and the  
10 Lieutenant Governor shall be elected by the qualified electors  
11 at the time and place of voting for members of the General  
12 Assembly. Each of them shall hold office for four years from  
13 the time of installation in office and until a successor is  
14 elected and qualifies. A person shall not be elected Governor  
15 or Lieutenant Governor if the term would result in more than a  
16 total of twelve years of service or three four-year terms in  
17 either office. If a person is elected or appointed to serve a  
18 portion of a term to which some other person was elected or  
19 appointed but that person died in office or resigned from  
20 office or was otherwise removed from office, those years  
21 served shall not be included in the terms of office or total  
22 years of service. This limitation on the number of terms and  
23 the years of service shall only apply to terms of office  
24 beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

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

29 SECRETARY -- AUDITOR -- TREASURER. Sec. 22. A Secretary  
30 of State, an Auditor of State, and a Treasurer of State shall  
31 be elected by the qualified electors at the same time that the  
32 Governor is elected and for a four-year term commencing on the  
33 first day of January next after their election, and they shall  
34 perform such duties as may be provided by law. A person shall  
35 not be elected Secretary of State if the term would result in

1 more than a total of twelve years of service or three four-  
2 year terms as Secretary of State. A person shall not be  
3 elected Auditor of State if the term would result in more than  
4 a total of twelve years of service or three four-year terms as  
5 Auditor of State. A person shall not be elected Treasurer of  
6 State if the term would result in more than a total of twelve  
7 years of service or three four-year terms as Treasurer of  
8 State. If a person is elected or appointed to serve a portion  
9 of a term to which some other person was elected or appointed  
10 but that person died in office or resigned from office or was  
11 otherwise removed from office, those years served shall not be  
12 included in the terms of office or total years of service.  
13 This limitation on the number of terms and the years of  
14 service shall only apply to terms of office beginning on or  
15 after January 1, 2001.

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

20 ATTORNEY GENERAL. Sec. 12. The General Assembly shall  
21 provide, by law, for the election of an Attorney General by  
22 the people, whose term of office shall be four years, and  
23 until a successor is elected and qualifies. A person shall  
24 not be elected Attorney General if the term would result in  
25 more than a total of twelve years of service or three four-  
26 year terms as Attorney General. If a person is elected or  
27 appointed to serve a portion of a term to which some other  
28 person was elected or appointed but that person died in office  
29 or resigned from office or was otherwise removed from office,  
30 those years served shall not be included in the terms of  
31 office or total years of service. This limitation on the  
32 number of terms and the years of service shall only apply to  
33 terms of office beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

34 Sec. 2. The foregoing amendment to the Constitution of the  
35 State of Iowa is referred to the General Assembly to be chosen

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

5 EXPLANATION

6 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the  
7 Constitution of the State of Iowa to provide that members of  
8 the Iowa house of representatives shall not serve more than  
9 six terms or 12 years as a representative and that members of  
10 the Iowa senate shall not serve more than three terms or 12  
11 years as a senator. If a person serves a portion of a term to  
12 which some other person was elected or appointed, the partial  
13 term shall not be included in the number of terms or total  
14 years of service. The limitation on the number of terms and  
15 the years of service shall only apply to terms of office  
16 beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

17 The amendment also provides that persons elected to the  
18 office of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general,  
19 secretary of state, auditor of state, and treasurer of state  
20 are limited to three terms or 12 years in each office. If a  
21 person serves a portion of a term to which some other person  
22 was elected or appointed, the partial term shall not be  
23 included in the number of terms or total years of service.  
24 The limitation on the number of terms and the years of service  
25 shall only apply to terms of office beginning on or after  
26 January 1, 2001.

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

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