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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 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4 State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu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, 2003.

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19 State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu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, 2003.

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35 1988, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof: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.

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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 to which some other person
27 was initially elected is not included as an election. The
28 limitation on the number of terms and years of service shall
29 only apply to terms of office beginning on or after January 1,
30 2003.

31 The resolution also provides that persons elected to the
32 office of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general,
33 secretary of state, auditor of state, and treasurer of state
34 are limited to three terms of office. A partial term to which
35 some other person was elected or appointed is not included as

1 an election. The limitation on the number of terms shall only
2 apply to terms of office beginning on or after January 1,
3 2003.

4 The resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the next
5 general assembly before being submitted to the electorate for
6 ratification.

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