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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 Governor
3 and Lieutenant Governor.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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STR 3 STATE GOVERNMENT

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6 repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof: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 qualified electors
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 Governor
13 or Lieutenant Governor if the term would result in more than a
14 total of eight years of service in that office. If a person
15 is elected or appointed to serve a portion of a term to which
16 some other person was elected or appointed but that person
17 died in office or resigned from office or was otherwise
18 removed from office, those years served shall not be included
19 in the years of service for purposes of this limitation. This
20 limitation on the years of service shall only apply to terms
21 of office beginning on or after January 1, 2003.

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

28 EXPLANATION

29 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
30 Constitution of the State of Iowa to provide that persons
31 elected to the office of governor or lieutenant governor are
32 limited to eight years in each office. If a person serves a
33 portion of a term to which some other person was elected or
34 appointed, the partial term shall not be included in the years
35 of service. The limitation on the years of service shall only

1 apply to terms of office beginning on or after January 1,
2 2003.

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

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