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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa to change the length of term of office for
3 members of the Iowa House of Representatives.

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

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STATE GOVERNMENT

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4 State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu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 by the qualified electors of
8 their respective districts, and their term of office shall
9 commence on the first day of January following their election
10 which is not a Sunday or legal holiday, and continue four
11 years, and until their successors are elected and qualified.
12 Representatives shall be classified by statute so that as
13 nearly as possible one-half of the members of the House of
14 Representatives shall be elected every two years.

15 The General Assembly shall make such changes in the law
16 governing the time of election and terms of office of
17 Representatives as shall be necessary to make the time of
18 their election and terms of office conform to this section.

19 2. Section 35 of Article III of the Constitution of the
20 State of Iowa, as amended by amendment number 4 of the
21 Amendments of 1868, amendment number 2 of the Amendments of
22 1904, and amendment number 3 of the Amendments of 1968, is
23 repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

24 SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES -- NUMBER AND DISTRICTS. Sec.
25 35. The General Assembly shall in each year immediately
26 following the United States decennial census determine the
27 number of Senators and Representatives to be elected to the
28 General Assembly and establish senatorial and representative
29 districts. The General Assembly shall complete the
30 apportionment prior to September 1 of the year so required.
31 If the apportionment fails to become law prior to September 15
32 of such year, the Supreme Court shall cause the State to be
33 apportioned into senatorial and representative districts to
34 comply with the requirements of the Constitution prior to
35 December 31 of such year. The reapportioning authority shall,

1 where necessary in establishing senatorial and representative
2 districts, shorten the term of any Senator or Representative
3 prior to completion of the term. Any Senator or
4 Representative whose term is so terminated shall not be
5 compensated for the uncompleted part of the term.

6 EXPLANATION

7 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
8 Constitution of the State of Iowa to change the term of office
9 for members of the Iowa house of representatives from two
10 years to four years.

11 The resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the next
12 general assembly before being submitted to the electorate for
13 ratification.

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