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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5
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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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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4 State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu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 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 as a
14 Representative. If a person is elected to serve a portion of
15 a term to which some other person was elected but that person
16 died in office or resigned from office or was otherwise
17 removed from office, those years served shall not be included
18 in the years of service for purposes of this limitation. This
19 limitation on the years of service shall only apply to terms
20 of office beginning on or after January 1, 2003.

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22 State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu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

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

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

3 3. Section 2 of Article IV of the Constitution of the
4 State of Iowa, as amended by amendment number 1 of the
5 Amendments of 1972 and amendment number 1 of the Amendments of
6 1988, is 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 twelve 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 4. Section 22 of Article IV of the Constitution of the
23 State of Iowa, as amended by amendment number 1 of the
24 Amendments of 1972, is repealed and the following adopted in
25 lieu thereof:

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

1 service as Auditor of State. A person shall not be elected
2 Treasurer of State if the term would result in more than a
3 total of twelve years of service as Treasurer of State. If a
4 person is elected or appointed to serve a portion of a term to
5 which some other person was elected or appointed but that
6 person died in office or resigned from office or was otherwise
7 removed from office, those years served shall not be included
8 in the years of service for purposes of this limitation. This
9 limitation on the years of service shall only apply to terms
10 of office beginning on or after January 1, 2003.

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

15 ATTORNEY GENERAL. Sec. 12. The General Assembly shall
16 provide, by law, for the election of an Attorney General by
17 the people, whose term of office shall be four years, and
18 until a successor is elected and qualifies. A person shall
19 not be elected Attorney General if the term would result in
20 more than a total of twelve years of service as Attorney
21 General. If a person is elected or appointed to serve a
22 portion of a term to which some other person was elected or
23 appointed but that person died in office or resigned from
24 office or was otherwise removed from office, those years
25 served shall not be included in the years of service for
26 purposes of this limitation. This limitation on the years of
27 service shall only apply to terms of office beginning on or
28 after January 1, 2003.

29 Sec. 2. The foregoing amendment to the Constitution of the
30 State of Iowa is referred to the General Assembly to be chosen
31 at the next general election for members of the General
32 Assembly and the Secretary of State is directed to cause the
33 same to be published for three consecutive months previous to
34 the date of that election as provided by law.

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EXPLANATION

1 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
2 Constitution of the State of Iowa to provide that members of
3 the Iowa house of representatives shall not serve more than 12
4 years as a representative and that members of the Iowa senate
5 shall not serve more than 12 years as a senator. If a person
6 serves a portion of a term to which some other person was
7 elected, the partial term shall not be included in the years
8 of service. The limitation on the years of service shall only
9 apply to terms of office beginning on or after January 1,
10 2003.

11 The amendment also provides that persons elected to the
12 office of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general,
13 secretary of state, auditor of state, and treasurer of state
14 are limited to 12 years in each office. If a person serves a
15 portion of a term to which some other person was elected or
16 appointed, the partial term shall not be included in the years
17 of service. The limitation on the years of service shall only
18 apply to terms of office beginning on or after January 1,
19 2003.

20 The resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the next
21 general assembly before being submitted to the electorate for
22 ratification.

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