

House Joint Resolution 2005 - Introduced

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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa limiting years of service for members
3 of the general assembly.

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

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 State
4 of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

5 **Representatives.** SEC. 3. The members of the house of
6 representatives shall be chosen every second year, by the
7 qualified electors of their respective districts, and their
8 term of office shall commence on the first day of January next
9 after their election, and continue two years, and until their
10 successors are elected and qualified. A person shall not be
11 elected for a term as representative if the term would result
12 in the person serving more than a total of sixteen years in the
13 general assembly. This limitation on years of service applies
14 to terms of office beginning on or after January 1, 2023, and
15 for years of service occurring on or after January 1, 2023.

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17 of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

18 **Senators — qualifications.** SEC. 5. Senators shall be
19 chosen for the term of four years, at the same time and place as
20 representatives; they shall be twenty-five years of age, and
21 possess the qualifications of representatives as to residence
22 and citizenship. A person shall not be elected for a term as
23 senator if the term would result in the person serving more
24 than a total of sixteen years in the general assembly. This
25 limitation on terms of service applies to terms of office
26 beginning on or after January 1, 2023, and for years of service
27 occurring on or after January 1, 2023.

28 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing amendment
29 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred to the
30 general assembly to be chosen at the next general election
31 for members of the general assembly, and the secretary of
32 state is directed to cause the same to be published for three
33 consecutive months previous to the date of that election as
34 provided by law.

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EXPLANATION

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1 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
2 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

3 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
4 Constitution of the State of Iowa limiting years of service
5 for persons elected to the general assembly. The amendment
6 provides that a person shall not be elected for a term as a
7 representative or senator if the term would result in the
8 person serving more than 16 years in the general assembly. The
9 amendment applies to terms of office beginning on or after
10 January 1, 2023, and for years of service occurring on or after
11 January 1, 2023.

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