

**Senate Joint Resolution 2008 - Introduced**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2008  
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE  
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3116)

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution  
2 of the State of Iowa relating to the consideration of bills  
3 by each house 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 Article III of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is  
4 amended by adding the following new section:

5 **Consideration of bills.** SEC. 16A. A majority of all the  
6 members elected to a house of the general assembly shall  
7 be sufficient to require consideration of a bill or joint  
8 resolution in that house. The rules of each house shall  
9 provide that a bill or joint resolution, duly introduced,  
10 upon the filing with the presiding officer of the house of  
11 a written petition for the consideration by the full house  
12 of such bill or joint resolution signed by a majority of all  
13 the members elected to that house, shall be called up for  
14 debate within fifteen legislative days of such filing of the  
15 petition. Within fifteen legislative days of the bill or joint  
16 resolution being called up for debate, all amendments to the  
17 bill or joint resolution shall be considered and disposed  
18 of and the bill or joint resolution shall be read for the  
19 last time and immediately placed upon its final passage.  
20 Within five legislative days of final passage of the bill  
21 or joint resolution, any motions to reconsider the bill or  
22 joint resolution shall be disposed of and the bill or joint  
23 resolution shall be immediately messaged to the other house.

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

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EXPLANATION

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

34 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the  
35 Constitution of the State of Iowa providing for the rules

1 of each house of the general assembly relating to the  
2 consideration of bills. The amendment provides that upon  
3 filing a written petition for the consideration of a bill  
4 or joint resolution signed by a majority of all the members  
5 elected to that house, the bill or joint resolution shall be  
6 called up for debate within 15 legislative days, all amendments  
7 disposed of and the bill or joint resolution considered for  
8 final passage within 15 legislative days once called up for  
9 debate, and any motions to reconsider following passage shall  
10 be disposed of and the bill or joint resolution messaged to the  
11 other house within five legislative days after passage.  
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.