

# House Joint Resolution 1 - Introduced

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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution  
2 of the State of Iowa altering the terms of service for  
3 members of the house of representatives.

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 Section 3 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of  
4 Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

5 **Sec. 3. Representatives — classification.** The members  
6 of the house of representatives shall be chosen on the  
7 first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each  
8 even-numbered year by the qualified electors of their  
9 respective districts, and their term of office shall commence  
10 on the first day of January next after their election, and  
11 continue four years, and until their successors are elected  
12 and qualified. Members of the house of representatives shall  
13 be classified so that as nearly as possible one-half of the  
14 members of the house of representatives shall be elected every  
15 two years, and each member of the house of representatives  
16 elected concurrently with the adoption of this amendment  
17 or serving at the time of the adoption of this amendment  
18 shall be so classified. For those members of the house of  
19 representatives elected concurrently with the adoption of  
20 this amendment or serving at the time of the adoption of this  
21 amendment, those members of the house of representatives in the  
22 first class shall serve for two years following the first day  
23 of January next after the adoption of this amendment, and those  
24 in the second class shall serve for four years following the  
25 first day of January next after the adoption of this amendment.

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

32 **EXPLANATION**

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

35 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the

1 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the terms of  
2 office for members of the house of representatives. The  
3 amendment changes the terms of office for members of the house  
4 of representatives to four years, with members to be elected  
5 on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of  
6 each even-numbered year, with one-half of all members to be  
7 elected every two years. The amendment provides that each  
8 member of the house of representatives who is serving at the  
9 time of adoption of the amendment or elected concurrently  
10 with the adoption of the amendment will be divided into two  
11 classes. Members in the first class shall serve for two years  
12 and members in the second class shall serve for four years.  
13 The resolution, if adopted, would be published and then  
14 referred to the next general assembly for adoption, before  
15 being submitted to the electorate for ratification.