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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa relating to the sponsorship of bills by
3 members of the general assembly.
4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
2 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 Sec. 15A. **Introduction of bills — limitation.** No bill
6 shall be accepted for introduction to the senate or house of
7 representatives if the senator or representative seeking to
8 introduce the bill has previously been the lead sponsor on ten
9 or more bills introduced during that same session of the general
10 assembly.

11 This section does not apply to simple, concurrent, or joint
12 resolutions, appropriations bills, bills recommended by the Iowa
13 code editor, and bills certified as emergency legislation by the
14 affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the committee
15 on rules and administration in the senate or the committee on
16 administration and rules in the house of representatives. This
17 section does not limit the number of bills on which a member of
18 the general assembly may be listed as an additional sponsor.

19 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed
20 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
21 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general election
22 for members of the general assembly, and shall be published as
23 provided by law for three months previous to the date of that
24 election.

25 EXPLANATION

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

28 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
29 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the sponsorship of
30 bills by members of the general assembly.

31 The amendment limits the number of introduced bills on which
32 a member of the general assembly may be a lead sponsor to
33 10 per session of each general assembly. The amendment does
34 not limit the number of resolutions on which a member of the
35 general assembly may appear as the lead sponsor and does not

1 apply to appropriations bills, Iowa Code editor bills, and bills
2 certified as emergency legislation by the committee on rules and
3 administration in the senate or the committee on administration
4 and rules in the house. A member of the general assembly may
5 appear as an additional sponsor on any number of bills.

6 The resolution, if adopted, would be published and then
7 referred to the next general assembly (92nd) for adoption, before
8 being submitted to the electorate for ratification.

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