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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa relating to benefits accrued under public
3 retirement systems.
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 I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended
4 by adding the following new section:

5 Sec. 21A. **Public retirement systems — accrued benefits as**
6 **contractual obligation.** Membership in an employee retirement
7 system of the state or a political subdivision of the state is an
8 enforceable contractual relationship. In accordance with section
9 21 of this Article, the accrued benefits of such membership shall
10 not be diminished or impaired.

11 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed
12 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
13 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general election
14 for members of the general assembly, and shall be published as
15 provided by law for three months previous to the date of that
16 election.

17 EXPLANATION

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

20 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
21 Constitution of the State of Iowa declaring membership in
22 an employee retirement system of the state or a political
23 subdivision an enforceable contractual relationship. The
24 resolution provides that, in accordance with the existing
25 constitutional prohibition on laws impairing obligations of
26 contracts, the accrued benefits of such membership shall not be
27 diminished or impaired.

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