

Senate Joint Resolution 10 - Introduced

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa limiting years of service for members of the
3 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 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4 of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof: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 Sec. 3. **Representatives — term limitation.** The members of
6 the house of representatives shall be chosen every second year,
7 by the qualified electors of their respective districts, and
8 their term of office shall commence on the first day of January
9 next after their election, and continue two years, and until
10 their successors are elected and qualified. A person first
11 elected to the house of representatives for a term commencing
12 on or after January 1, 2029, shall not be elected for a term
13 as representative if the term would result in the person serving
14 more than twelve consecutive years in the general assembly, and
15 shall not be elected for two years next after serving twelve
16 consecutive years.

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18 of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

19 Sec. 5. **Senators — qualifications — term**
20 **limitation.** Senators shall be chosen for the term of four
21 years, at the same time and place as representatives; they shall
22 be twenty-five years of age, and possess the qualifications of
23 representatives as to residence and citizenship. A person first
24 elected to the senate for a term commencing on or after January
25 1, 2029, shall not be elected for a term as senator if the term
26 would result in the person serving more than twelve consecutive
27 years in the general assembly, and shall not be elected for two
28 years next after serving twelve consecutive years.

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

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EXPLANATION

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 for
5 persons elected to the general assembly.

6 The amendment provides that a person shall not be elected for
7 a term as a senator or representative if the term would result
8 in the person serving more than twelve consecutive years in
9 the general assembly. Additionally, a senator or representative
10 shall not be elected for a term as a senator or representative
11 for two years following a twelfth consecutive year of service in
12 the general assembly. These limitations apply only to persons
13 first elected for a term commencing on or after January 1, 2029.

14 The resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the next
15 general assembly (92nd) for adoption, before being submitted to
16 the electorate for ratification.

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