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9:19 O'CLOCK A.M.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Representative Lang in the chair.

Prayer by Wayne Padget, the Assistant Doorkeeper.

Representative Andersson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

By direction of the Speaker, a roll call was taken to ascertain the attendance of Members, as follows:

113 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives D'Amico, Feigenholtz, Poe and Soto were excused from attendance.

The membership of the House was temporarily reduced to 117 due to the absence of Representative-Elect John D'Amico.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Tim Mapes
Clerk of the House
300 State House
Springfield, Il 6706

Dear Clerk Mapes,

As the duly elected Representative of the Ninety Fifth ("95th") Representative District for the 99th General Assembly, I am resigning my elected office, effective January 19, 2015 at 11:59 p.m.

It has been my pleasure to serve the people of the 95th District and the time I have served in the Illinois House of Representatives has been a great honor.

I wish all the best for the 99th General Assembly and I look forward to working with each and every one of you as I begin my new role.

Sincerely,

s/Wayne A. Rosenthal
State Representative, 95th District (99th General Assembly)

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Timothy D. Mapes
Clerk of the House
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
300 State House
Springfield, Il 62706

Dear Mr. Clerk:

The following members are the House Majority appointments to the **House Rules** Committee for the 99th General Assembly.

Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chair

[January 15, 2015]

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Representative Lou Lang
Representative Frank Mautino

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

s/ Michael J. Madigan

**ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 3**

Representative Currie offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, January 15, 2015, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Friday, January 23, 2015, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, January 27, 2015, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Wednesday, January 28, 2015, or until the call of the Speaker and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 03, 2015, or until the call of the President.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 3 was taken up for immediate consideration.
Representative Currie moved the adoption of the resolution.
The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.
Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

At the hour of 9:24 o'clock a.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk.

The motion prevailed.

And in accordance therewith and pursuant to HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 3, the House stood adjourned until Wednesday, January 28, 2015, at 12:00 o'clock p.m.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-NINTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
QUORUM CALL

January 15, 2015

0 YEAS

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113 PRESENT

P Acevedo	P Davis, William	P Kifowit	P Sandack
P Ammons	P DeLuca	P Lang	P Scherer
P Andersson	P Demmer	P Leitch	P Sente
P Andrade	P Drury	P Lilly	P Sims
P Anthony	P Dunkin	P Manley	P Smiddy
P Arroyo	P Durkin	P Martwick	P Sommer
P Batinick	P Evans	P Mautino	P Sosnowski
P Beiser	E Feigenholtz	P Mayfield	E Soto
P Bellock	P Fine	P McAsey	P Stewart
P Bennett	P Flowers	P McAuliffe	P Sullivan
P Bradley	P Ford	P McDermed	A Tabares
P Brady	P Fortner	P McSweeney	P Thapedi
P Brauer	P Franks	P Meier	P Tryon
P Breen	P Frese	P Mitchell, Bill	P Turner
P Brown	P Gabel	P Mitchell, Christian	P Unes
P Bryant	P Golar	P Moeller	P Verschoore
P Burke, Daniel	P Gordon-Booth	P Moffitt	P Wallace
P Burke, Kelly	P Guzzardi	P Morrison	P Walsh
P Cabello	P Hammond	P Moylan	P Wehrli
P Cassidy	P Harris, David	P Mussman	P Welch
P Cavaletto	P Harris, Greg	P Nekritz	P Wheeler, Barbara
P Chapa LaVia	P Hays	P Phelps	P Wheeler, Keith
P Cloonen	P Hernandez	P Phillips	P Williams
P Conroy	P Hoffman	E Poe	P Willis
P Costello	P Hurley	P Pritchard	P Winger
P Crespo	P Ives	P Reaves-Harris	P Yingling
P Currie	P Jackson	P Reis	P Zalewski
P Davidsmeyer	P Jesiel	P Riley	P Mr. Speaker
P Davis, Monique	P Jones	P Rita	
	P Kay	P Rosenthal	

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2ND LEGISLATIVE DAY

Perfunctory Session

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015

At the hour of 3:31 o'clock p.m., the House convened perfunctory session.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read by title a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules:

HOUSE BILL 0198. Introduced by Representatives Gabel - Cassidy - Williams, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 0199. Introduced by Representative Harris, David, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 0200. Introduced by Representative Burke, Kelly, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 0201. Introduced by Representative Fine, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 0202. Introduced by Representative Cabello, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 0203. Introduced by Representative Feigenholtz, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 0204. Introduced by Representative Feigenholtz, AN ACT concerning liquor.

HOUSE BILL 0205. Introduced by Representative Feigenholtz, AN ACT concerning public aid.

HOUSE BILL 0206. Introduced by Representative Feigenholtz, AN ACT concerning public aid.

HOUSE BILL 0207. Introduced by Representative Flowers, AN ACT concerning health.

HOUSE BILL 0208. Introduced by Representative Sommer, AN ACT concerning pie.

HOUSE BILL 0209. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning safety.

HOUSE BILL 0210. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning finance.

HOUSE BILL 0211. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning finance.

HOUSE BILL 0212. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning employment.

HOUSE BILL 0213. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning employment.

HOUSE BILL 0214. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 0215. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning employment.

HOUSE BILL 0216. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
FIRST READING**

Representative Sandack introduced the following:

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1**

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend the Illinois Constitution by adding Section 2.5 to Article IV as follows:

ARTICLE IV
THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 2.5. TERM LIMITS

No person may hold the office of State Senator or State Representative, or a combination of those offices, for more than 10 consecutive years.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules.

Representative Sandack introduced the following:

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2**

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 3 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV
THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

(a) Legislative Districts shall be compact, contiguous and substantially equal in population. Representative Districts shall be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population.

(b) By April 15 of the year following each Federal decennial census year, the State Board of Elections, by a record vote of a majority of the total number of members authorized by law as provided in Section 5 of Article III, shall designate a computer program for redistricting the Legislative Districts and Representative Districts that meets the requirements of this Section. The designation shall include detailed specifications of the computer program.

Any computer program designated by the State Board of Elections under this Section shall embody the following standards and criteria, as defined by Common Law, in this order of priority:

- (1) contiguity;
- (2) substantial equality of population;
- (3) compactness;
- (4) minimization of the number of districts that cross county or municipal boundaries; and
- (5) a fair reflection of minority voting strength.

Any computer program designated by the State Board of Elections under this Section shall not consider the following data:

- (1) residency of incumbent legislators;
- (2) political affiliations of registered voters;

(3) previous election results; and

(4) demographic information not required to be used by this Section or by the United States Constitution or federal law.

Except as specified in this Section, the computer program shall produce districts in a random manner.

(c) ~~(b)~~ In the year following each Federal decennial census year, the State Board of Elections General Assembly by law shall redistrict the Legislative Districts and the Representative Districts using the computer program designated under subsection (b). The Board shall file such computer generated plan with the Secretary of State no later than June 1 of the year following the Federal decennial census year.

(d) The State Board of Elections shall designate a computer program under subsection (b) and shall approve a plan under subsection (c) at public meetings. The Board shall give reasonable and adequate advance notice of those meetings.

~~If no redistricting plan becomes effective by June 30 of that year, a Legislative Redistricting Commission shall be constituted not later than July 10. The Commission shall consist of eight members, no more than four of whom shall be members of the same political party.~~

~~The Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall each appoint to the Commission one Representative and one person who is not a member of the General Assembly. The President and Minority Leader of the Senate shall each appoint to the Commission one Senator and one person who is not a member of the General Assembly.~~

~~The members shall be certified to the Secretary of State by the appointing authorities. A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled within five days by the authority that made the original appointment. A Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be chosen by a majority of all members of the Commission.~~

~~Not later than August 10, the Commission shall file with the Secretary of State a redistricting plan approved by at least five members.~~

~~If the Commission fails to file an approved redistricting plan, the Supreme Court shall submit the names of two persons, not of the same political party, to the Secretary of State not later than September 1.~~

~~Not later than September 5, the Secretary of State publicly shall draw by random selection the name of one of the two persons to serve as the ninth member of the Commission.~~

~~Not later than October 5, the Commission shall file with the Secretary of State a redistricting plan approved by at least five members.~~

(e) An approved redistricting plan filed with the Secretary of State shall be presumed valid, shall have the force and effect of law and shall be published promptly by the Secretary of State.

(f) The Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over actions concerning redistricting the House and Senate, which shall be initiated in the name of the People of the State by the Attorney General. (Source: Amendment adopted at general election November 4, 1980.)

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect beginning with redistricting in 2021 and applies to the election of members of the General Assembly in 2022 and thereafter.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules.

Representative Durkin introduced the following:

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 3**

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Article V of the Illinois Constitution by changing Sections 1, 3, 7, and 18 and by repealing Section 17 as follows:

**ARTICLE V
THE EXECUTIVE**

SECTION 1. OFFICERS

The Executive Branch shall include a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, ~~and Comptroller of the Treasury Comptroller and Treasurer~~ elected by the electors of the State. They shall keep the public records and maintain a residence at the seat of government during their terms of office. (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to hold the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, ~~or Comptroller of the Treasury Comptroller or Treasurer~~, a person must be a United States citizen, at least 25 years old, and a resident of this State for the three years preceding his or her election. (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 7. VACANCIES IN OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICES

If the Attorney General, Secretary of State, ~~or Comptroller of the Treasury Comptroller or Treasurer~~ fails to qualify or if ~~the his~~ office becomes vacant, the Governor shall fill the office by appointment. The appointee shall hold office until the elected officer qualifies or until a successor is elected and qualified as may be provided by law and shall not be subject to removal by the Governor. If the Lieutenant Governor fails to qualify or if ~~the his~~ office becomes vacant, it shall remain vacant until the end of the term. (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 17. COMPTROLLER - DUTIES (REP.)

~~The Comptroller, in accordance with law, shall maintain the State's central fiscal accounts, and order payments into and out of the funds held by the Treasurer.~~ (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 18. COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY TREASURER - DUTIES

The Comptroller of the Treasury Treasurer, in accordance with law, shall (i) maintain the State's central fiscal accounts, and order payments into and out of the funds held by him or her, (ii) be responsible for the safekeeping and investment of monies and securities deposited with him or her, and for their disbursement upon his or her order, and (iii) have the duties and powers that may be prescribed by law of the Comptroller. (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE

A Comptroller of the Treasury, but not a Comptroller or Treasurer, shall be elected in 2018 and thereafter. This Constitutional Amendment otherwise takes effect upon the conclusion of the terms of the Comptroller and the Treasurer elected in 2014.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 3 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules.

Representative Batinick introduced the following:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 4

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Article XIV of the Illinois Constitution by changing Section 3 as follows:

ARTICLE XIV

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

SECTION 3. CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE ~~FOR LEGISLATIVE ARTICLE~~

Amendments to ~~Article IV~~ of this Constitution may be proposed by a petition signed by a number of electors equal in number to at least five eight percent of the total votes cast for candidates for Governor in the preceding gubernatorial election. ~~Amendments shall be limited to structural and procedural subjects contained in Article IV.~~ A petition shall contain the text of the proposed amendment and the date of the general election at which the proposed amendment is to be submitted, shall have been signed by the petitioning electors not more than twenty-four months preceding that general election and shall be filed with the Secretary of State at least six months before that general election. The procedure for determining the validity and sufficiency of a petition shall be provided by law. If the petition is valid and sufficient, the

proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors at that general election and shall become effective if approved by ~~either~~ three-fifths of those voting on the amendment ~~or a majority of those voting in the election.~~
(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 4 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules.

Representative McSweeney introduced the following:

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 5**

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Article V of the Illinois Constitution by changing Sections 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7 and by repealing Sections 4 and 14 as follows:

ARTICLE V

THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION 1. OFFICERS

The Executive Branch shall include a Governor, ~~Lieutenant Governor~~, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller and Treasurer elected by the electors of the State. They shall keep the public records and maintain a residence at the seat of government during their terms of office.

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 2. TERMS

These elected officers of the Executive Branch shall hold office for four years beginning on the second Monday of January after their election and, ~~except in the case of the Lieutenant Governor~~, until their successors are qualified. They shall be elected at the general election in 1978 and every four years thereafter.

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to hold the office of Governor, ~~Lieutenant Governor~~, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller or Treasurer, a person must be a United States citizen, at least 25 years old, and a resident of this State for the three years preceding his or her election.

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 4. JOINT ELECTION ~~(REPEALED)~~

~~In the general election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, one vote shall be cast jointly for the candidates nominated by the same political party or petition. The General Assembly may provide by law for the joint nomination of candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.~~

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 6. GUBERNATORIAL SUCCESSION

(a) In the event of a vacancy, the order of succession to the office of Governor or to the position of Acting Governor shall be ~~the Lieutenant Governor~~, the elected Attorney General, the elected Secretary of State, and then as provided by law.

(b) If the Governor is unable to serve because of death, conviction on impeachment, failure to qualify, resignation or other disability, the office of Governor shall be filled by the officer next in line of succession for the remainder of the term or until the disability is removed.

(c) Whenever the Governor determines that he may be seriously impeded in the exercise of his or her powers, he or she shall so notify the Secretary of State and the officer next in line of succession. The latter shall thereafter become Acting Governor with the duties and powers of Governor. When the Governor is prepared to resume office, he or she shall do so by notifying the Secretary of State and the Acting Governor.

(d) The General Assembly by law shall specify by whom and by what procedures the ability of the Governor to serve or to resume office may be questioned and determined. The Supreme Court shall have original and

exclusive jurisdiction to review such a law and any such determination and, in the absence of such a law, shall make the determination under such rules as it may adopt.

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 7. VACANCIES IN OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICES

If the Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller or Treasurer fails to qualify or if his or her office becomes vacant, the Governor shall fill the office by appointment. The appointee shall hold office until the elected officer qualifies or until a successor is elected and qualified as may be provided by law and shall not be subject to removal by the Governor. ~~If the Lieutenant Governor fails to qualify or if his office becomes vacant, it shall remain vacant until the end of the term.~~

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SECTION 14. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR - DUTIES (REPEALED)

~~The Lieutenant Governor shall perform the duties and exercise the powers in the Executive Branch that may be delegated to him by the Governor and that may be prescribed by law.~~

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act and applies beginning with the term of office otherwise commencing in 2019.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 5 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules.

Representative Drury introduced the following:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 6

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Article IV of the Illinois Constitution by changing Section 6 as follows:

ARTICLE IV THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 6. ORGANIZATION

(a) A majority of the members elected to each house constitutes a quorum.

(b) On the first day of the January session of the General Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Secretary of State shall convene the House of Representatives to elect from its membership a Speaker of the House of Representatives as presiding officer, and the Governor shall convene the Senate to elect from its membership a President of the Senate as presiding officer. A person may not serve more than a total of 10 years in the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or Minority Leader of the Senate; provided that service before the second Wednesday in January of 2015 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's service.

(c) For purposes of powers of appointment conferred by this Constitution, the Minority Leader of either house is a member of the numerically strongest political party other than the party to which the Speaker or the President belongs, as the case may be.

(d) Each house shall determine the rules of its proceedings, judge the elections, returns and qualifications of its members and choose its officers. No member shall be expelled by either house, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to that house. A member may be expelled only once for the same offense. Each house may punish by imprisonment any person, not a member, guilty of disrespect to the house by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence. Imprisonment shall not extend beyond twenty-four hours at one time unless the person persists in disorderly or contemptuous behavior.

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 6 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules.

Representative Fortner introduced the following:

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 7**

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Article IV of the Illinois Constitution by changing Section 6 as follows:

**ARTICLE IV
THE LEGISLATURE**

SECTION 6. ORGANIZATION

(a) A majority of the members elected to each house constitutes a quorum.

(b) On the first day of the January session of the General Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Secretary of State shall convene the House of Representatives to elect from its membership a Speaker of the House of Representatives as presiding officer, and the Governor shall convene the Senate to elect from its membership a President of the Senate as presiding officer. A person may serve no more than a total of 8 years in any one of the following offices and no more than a combined total of 12 years in any 2 or more of the following offices: Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or Minority Leader of the Senate; provided that service before the second Wednesday in January of 2017 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's service.

(c) For purposes of powers of appointment conferred by this Constitution, the Minority Leader of either house is a member of the numerically strongest political party other than the party to which the Speaker or the President belongs, as the case may be.

(d) Each house shall determine the rules of its proceedings, judge the elections, returns and qualifications of its members and choose its officers. No member shall be expelled by either house, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to that house. A member may be expelled only once for the same offense. Each house may punish by imprisonment any person, not a member, guilty of disrespect to the house by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence. Imprisonment shall not extend beyond twenty-four hours at one time unless the person persists in disorderly or contemptuous behavior.

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 7 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules.

At the hour of 3:50 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.