

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

155th Legislative Day

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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on November 09, 2012: approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 603, Senate Bill 551, Senate Bill... correction... Senate Bill 551, Senate Bill 3245, Senate Bill 3338; and approved for consideration, referred to the Order of Concurrence is House Bill 5547. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 6243, offered by Representative Thapedi, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 6244, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6245, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 6246, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 6247, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. These are referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #51, offered by Representative Sente.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH 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:

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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 14 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

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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.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This was the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #51."

Clerk Bolin: "First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #52, offered by Representative Mathias.

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SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This has been the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #52."

Clerk Hollman: "A letter from the Secretary of State Jesse White. November 14, 2012. To the Honorable Speaker of the House: In compliance with the provisions of the

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Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed House Bills from the 97th General Assembly, that are being returned by the Governor with specific recommendations for change. House Bill 4673 and House Bill 5207. Respectfully signed Jesse White, Secretary of State. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."