

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to
6 the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the
7 general election next occurring at least 6 months after the
8 adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Sections 2
9 and 5 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution:

10 ARTICLE IV
11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 2)

13 SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE COMPOSITION

14 (a) One Senator shall be elected from each Legislative
15 District. Senators elected in 2004 shall first serve terms of
16 six years and then terms of two years. Senators elected in
17 2006 shall serve six-year terms. Immediately following each
18 decennial redistricting, the General Assembly by law shall
19 divide the Legislative Districts as equally as possible into
20 two three groups. During each ten-year period, beginning
21 with the general election in 2012, Senators from one group
22 shall be elected for terms of six years and then for terms of
23 four years ~~four--years;--four-years-and-two-years;--Senators~~
24 ~~from-the-second-group;--for-terms-of-four-years;--two-years-and~~
25 ~~four-years;--~~ and Senators from the other third group shall
26 first be elected, for terms of ~~two-years;~~ four years and then
27 for terms of six ~~four~~ years. The Legislative Districts in
28 each group shall be distributed substantially equally over
29 the State.

30 (b) Each Legislative District shall be divided into two
31 Representative Districts. ~~In--1982--and--every--two--years~~
32 ~~thereafter~~ One Representative shall be elected from each

1 Representative District ~~for---a---term---of---two--years.~~
2 Representatives elected in 2004 and 2008 shall serve terms of
3 four years. During each ten-year period, beginning with the
4 general election in 2012, Representatives shall first be
5 elected for terms of four years, then for terms of two years,
6 and then for terms of four years.

7 (c) To be eligible to serve as a member of the General
8 Assembly, a person must be a United States citizen, at least
9 21 years old, and for the two years preceding his election or
10 appointment a resident of the district which he is to
11 represent. In the general election following a redistricting,
12 a candidate for the General Assembly may be elected from any
13 district which contains a part of the district in which he
14 resided at the time of the redistricting and reelected if a
15 resident of the new district he represents for 18 months
16 prior to reelection.

17 (d) Within thirty days after a vacancy occurs, it shall
18 be filled by appointment as provided by law. If the vacancy
19 is in a Senatorial or Representative office with more than
20 twenty-eight months remaining in the term, the appointed
21 Senator or Representative shall serve until the next general
22 election, at which time a Senator or Representative shall be
23 elected to serve for the remainder of the term. If the
24 vacancy is in any other Senatorial or a Representative office
25 ~~or-in-any-other-Senatorial-office~~, the appointment shall be
26 for the remainder of the term. An appointee to fill a vacancy
27 shall be a member of the same political party as the person
28 he succeeds.

29 (e) No member of the General Assembly shall receive
30 compensation as a public officer or employee from any other
31 governmental entity for time during which he is in attendance
32 as a member of the General Assembly.

33 No member of the General Assembly during the term for
34 which he was elected or appointed shall be appointed to a

1 public office which shall have been created or the
2 compensation for which shall have been increased by the
3 General Assembly during that term.

4 (Source: Amendment adopted at general election November 4,
5 1980.)

6 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 5)

7 SECTION 5. SESSIONS

8 (a) The General Assembly shall convene each year on the
9 second Wednesday of January. The General Assembly shall be a
10 continuous body for a period beginning and ending at noon on
11 the second Wednesday of January of consecutive odd-numbered
12 years. during-the-term-for-which--members--of--the--House--of
13 Representatives-are-elected.

14 (b) The Governor may convene the General Assembly or the
15 Senate alone in special session by a proclamation stating the
16 purpose of the session; and only business encompassed by such
17 purpose, together with any impeachments or confirmation of
18 appointments shall be transacted. Special sessions of the
19 General Assembly may also be convened by joint proclamation
20 of the presiding officers of both houses, issued as provided
21 by law.

22 (c) Sessions of each house of the General Assembly and
23 meetings of committees, joint committees and legislative
24 commissions shall be open to the public. Sessions and
25 committee meetings of a house may be closed to the public if
26 two-thirds of the members elected to that house determine
27 that the public interest so requires; and meetings of joint
28 committees and legislative commissions may be so closed if
29 two-thirds of the members elected to each house so determine.
30 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

31 SCHEDULE

32 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect on January 1,

1 2003 and applies to the election of members of the General
2 Assembly in 2004 and thereafter. It does not affect the
3 terms of members elected in 2000 or 2002.