

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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

10 ARTICLE X
11 EDUCATION

12 (ILCON Art. X, Sec. 2)

13 SECTION 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION - STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF
14 EDUCATION CHIEF-STATE-EDUCATIONAL-OFFICER

15 (a) There is created a State Board of Education to be
16 elected or selected on a regional basis. The number of
17 members, their qualifications, terms of office and manner of
18 election or selection shall be provided by law. The Board,
19 except as limited by law, may establish goals, determine
20 policies, provide for planning and evaluating education
21 programs and recommend financing. The Board shall have such
22 other duties and powers as provided by law.

23 (b) A State Superintendent of Education shall be
24 nominated at a general primary election and elected by the
25 electors of the State at the general election every 4 years,
26 beginning in 2004. The State Superintendent of Education
27 shall hold office for 4 years beginning on the second Monday
28 of January after his or her election. To be eligible to hold
29 the office of State Superintendent of Education a person must
30 be a United States citizen, at least 25 years old, and a
31 resident of the State for 10 years preceding his or her
32 election.

1 The names of the candidates for State Superintendent of
2 Education shall be printed on the ballot directly below the
3 names of the candidates for Secretary of State.

4 Any vacancy in the office of State Superintendent of
5 Education shall be filled in the manner provided in Section 7
6 of Article V.

7 The State Superintendent shall be the chief educational
8 officer of the State. The State Board of Education shall
9 appoint a chief state educational officer.

10 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

11 SCHEDULE

12 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
13 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
14 Constitutional Amendment Act, and when the State
15 Superintendent of Education initially elected under Section 2
16 of Article X of the Illinois Constitution takes effect, the
17 term of office of the chief state educational officer
18 appointed by the State Board of Education shall expire.