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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
2 the State of Iowa to limit the number of times members of the  
3 Senate and the House of Representatives, and the Governor,  
4 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State,  
5 Auditor of State, and Treasurer of State may be elected.

6 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  
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 1. Section 3 of Article III of the Constitution of the  
4 State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu  
5 thereof:

6 REPRESENTATIVES. Sec. 3. The members of the House of  
7 Representatives shall be chosen every second year, by the  
8 qualified electors of their respective districts, and their  
9 term of office shall commence on the first day of January next  
10 after their election, and continue two years, and until their  
11 successors are elected and qualified. A person shall not be  
12 elected as a Representative more than six times. If a person  
13 is elected to serve a portion of a term to which some other  
14 person was elected, the partial term served shall not be  
15 included as an election.

16 This limitation on the number of elections shall apply to  
17 elections for terms of office beginning on or after January 1,  
18 2005.

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20 State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu  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

22 SENATORS -- QUALIFICATIONS. Sec. 5. Senators shall be  
23 chosen for the term of four years, at the same time and place  
24 as Representatives; they shall be twenty-five years of age,  
25 and possess the qualifications of Representatives as to  
26 residence and citizenship. A person shall not be elected as a  
27 Senator more than three times. If a person is elected to  
28 serve a portion of a term to which some other person was  
29 elected, the partial term served shall not be included as an  
30 election.

31 This limitation on the number of elections shall apply to  
32 elections for terms of office beginning on or after January 1,  
33 2005.

34 3. Section 2 of Article IV of the Constitution of the  
35 State of Iowa, as amended by amendment number 1 of the

1 Amendments of 1972 and amendment number 1 of the Amendments of  
2 1988, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

3 ELECTION AND TERM. Sec. 2. The Governor and the  
4 Lieutenant Governor shall be elected by the qualified electors  
5 at the time and place of voting for members of the General  
6 Assembly. Each of them shall hold office for four years from  
7 the time of installation in office and until a successor is  
8 elected and qualifies. A person shall not be elected Governor  
9 or Lieutenant Governor more than three times. If a person  
10 succeeds to the office of Governor to serve a portion of a  
11 term to which some other person was elected Governor, the  
12 partial term shall not be included as an election. If a  
13 person is elected or appointed to serve as Lieutenant Governor  
14 for a portion of a term to which some other person was elected  
15 or appointed Lieutenant Governor, the partial term shall not  
16 be included as an election.

17 This limitation on the number of elections shall apply to  
18 elections for terms of office beginning on or after January 1,  
19 2005.

20 4. Section 22 of Article IV of the Constitution of the  
21 State of Iowa, as amended by amendment number 1 of the  
22 Amendments of 1972, is repealed and the following adopted in  
23 lieu thereof:

24 SECRETARY -- AUDITOR -- TREASURER. Sec. 22. A Secretary  
25 of State, an Auditor of State and a Treasurer of State shall  
26 be elected by the qualified electors at the same time that the  
27 Governor is elected and for a four-year term commencing on the  
28 first day of January next after their election, and they shall  
29 perform such duties as may be provided by law. A person shall  
30 not be elected Secretary of State more than three times. A  
31 person shall not be elected Auditor of State more than three  
32 times. A person shall not be elected Treasurer of State more  
33 than three times. If a person is elected or appointed to  
34 serve a portion of a term to which some other person was  
35 elected or appointed, the partial term shall not be included

1 as an election.

2 This limitation on the number of elections shall apply to  
3 elections for terms of office beginning on or after January 1,  
4 2005.

5 5. Section 12 of Article V of the Constitution of the  
6 State of Iowa, as amended by amendment number 1 of the  
7 Amendments of 1972, is repealed and the following adopted in  
8 lieu thereof:

9 ATTORNEY GENERAL. Sec. 12. The General Assembly shall  
10 provide, by law, for the election of an Attorney General by  
11 the people, whose term of office shall be four years, and  
12 until a successor is elected and qualifies. A person shall  
13 not be elected Attorney General more than three times. If a  
14 person is elected or appointed to serve a portion of a term to  
15 which some other person was elected or appointed, the partial  
16 term shall not be included as an election.

17 This limitation on the number of elections shall apply to  
18 elections for terms of office beginning on or after January 1,  
19 2005.

20 Sec. 2. The foregoing amendment to the Constitution of the  
21 State of Iowa is referred to the General Assembly to be chosen  
22 at the next general election for members of the General  
23 Assembly and the Secretary of State is directed to cause the  
24 same to be published for three consecutive months previous to  
25 the date of that election as provided by law.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the  
28 Constitution of the State of Iowa to provide that members of  
29 the Iowa house of representatives shall not be elected more  
30 than six times and members of the Iowa senate shall not be  
31 elected more than three times. A partial term to which some  
32 other person was initially elected is not included as an  
33 election. The limitation on the number of elections shall  
34 only apply to elections for terms of office beginning on or  
35 after January 1, 2005.

1 The resolution also provides that persons shall not be  
2 elected to the office of governor, lieutenant governor,  
3 attorney general, secretary of state, auditor of state, or  
4 treasurer of state more than three times. A partial term to  
5 which some other person was elected or appointed is not  
6 included as an election. The limitation on the number of  
7 elections shall only apply to elections for terms of office  
8 beginning on or after January 1, 2005.

9 The resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the next  
10 general assembly before being submitted to the electorate for  
11 ratification.

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