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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2002  
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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 years of service for members of  
3 the Senate and the House of Representatives.

4 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4 State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu  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 for a term as Representative if the term would result  
13 in more than a total of twelve years of service as a  
14 Representative. If a person is elected to serve a portion of  
15 a term to which some other person was elected but that person  
16 died in office or resigned from office or was otherwise  
17 removed from office, those years served shall not be included  
18 in the years of service for purposes of this limitation. This  
19 limitation on the years of service shall only apply to terms  
20 of office beginning on or after January 1, 2009.

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22 State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu  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

24 SENATORS -- QUALIFICATIONS. SEC. 5. Senators shall be  
25 chosen for a term of four years, at the same time and place as  
26 Representatives; they shall be twenty-five years of age, and  
27 possess the qualifications of Representatives as to residence  
28 and citizenship. A person shall not be elected for a term as  
29 Senator if the term would result in more than a total of  
30 twelve years of service as a Senator. If a person is elected  
31 to serve a portion of a term to which some other person was  
32 elected but that person died in office or resigned from office  
33 or was otherwise removed from office, those years served shall  
34 not be included in the years of service for purposes of this  
35 limitation. This limitation on the years of service shall

1 only apply to terms of office beginning on or after January 1,  
2 2009.

3     Sec. 2. PUBLICATION AND REFERRAL. The foregoing amendment  
4 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred to the  
5 General Assembly to be chosen at the next general election for  
6 members of the General Assembly and the Secretary of State is  
7 directed to cause the same to be published for three  
8 consecutive months previous to the date of that election as  
9 provided by law.

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EXPLANATION

11     This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the  
12 Constitution of the State of Iowa to provide that members of  
13 the Iowa house of representatives shall not serve more than 12  
14 years as a representative and that members of the Iowa senate  
15 shall not serve more than 12 years as a senator. If a person  
16 serves a portion of a term to which some other person was  
17 elected, the partial term shall not be included in the years  
18 of service. The limitation on the years of service shall only  
19 apply to terms of office beginning on or after January 1,  
20 2009.

21     The resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the next  
22 general assembly before being submitted to the electorate for  
23 ratification.

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