



**HOUSE JOINT  
RESOLUTION No. 8**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

**Citations Affected:** Article 6 of the Indiana Constitution.

**Synopsis:** Term of office of county sheriff. Lengthens the term of office of county sheriffs to six years. Provides that a person may not be elected to the office of sheriff for more than 12 years in any period of 18 years. Provides transitional provisions. This proposed amendment has not been previously agreed to by a general assembly.

**Effective:** This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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January 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 6 of the Indiana Constitution concerning local government.

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
- 2 State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred
- 3 Fifteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred to
- 4 the next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.
- 5 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 6, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION
- 6 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 7 FOLLOWS: Section 2. (a) There shall be elected, in each county by the
- 8 voters ~~thereof~~, **of the county**, at the time of holding general elections,
- 9 **the following offices:**
- 10 (1) A Clerk of the Circuit Court, **whose term of office is four**
- 11 **years.**
- 12 (2) **An Auditor, whose term of office is four years.**
- 13 (3) **A Recorder, whose term of office is four years.**



1 (4) A Treasurer, whose term of office is four years.

2 (5) A Sheriff, whose term of office is six years.

3 (6) A Coroner, whose term of office is four years. and

4 (7) A Surveyor, who shall, severally, hold their offices for whose  
5 term of office is four years.

6 (b) The General Assembly may provide by law for uniform dates for  
7 beginning the terms of the county officials listed in subsection (a). If  
8 the General Assembly enacts a law to provide a uniform date for  
9 beginning the terms of a county official listed in subsection (a), the  
10 General Assembly may provide that the term of each county official  
11 initially elected after enactment of the law to provide the uniform date  
12 for beginning the terms of the county official is for ~~less a term that is~~  
13 **shorter than four the number of years provided in this section** in  
14 order to establish a uniform schedule of dates for the beginning of  
15 terms for the office. However, after the initial election for each office,  
16 the term for that office shall be ~~for four the number of years provided~~  
17 **in this section.**

18 (c) ~~No~~ A person shall ~~be~~ **is not** eligible to the office of Clerk,  
19 Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, ~~Sheriff~~, or Coroner more than eight years  
20 in any period of twelve years. **A person is not eligible to the office of**  
21 **Sheriff more than twelve years in any period of eighteen years.**

22 SECTION 3. CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS  
23 AMENDED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

24 SCHEDULE

25 **An individual elected to the office of County Sheriff at the 2008**  
26 **general election is entitled to serve in the office until January 1,**  
27 **2015, regardless of the number of years the individual has served**  
28 **in the office. An individual elected to the office of Sheriff at the**  
29 **2010 general election is entitled to serve in the office until January**  
30 **1, 2017, regardless of the number of years the individual has served**  
31 **in the office.**

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