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2013-2014 Regular Sessions

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 2 of article 3 of the constitution, in relation to increasing the terms of office of members of the senate and limiting the terms of office of members of the legislature

1     Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That section 2 of arti-  
2     cle 3 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

3     S 2. The senate shall consist of fifty members, except as hereinafter  
4     provided. The senators [elected in the year one thousand eight hundred  
5     and ninety-five shall hold their offices for three years, and their  
6     successors] shall be [chosen] ELECTED for TERMS OF two years; PROVIDED  
7     THAT SENATORS ELECTED IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN AND IN SUBSEQUENT  
8     YEARS SHALL HOLD THEIR OFFICES FOR FOUR YEARS. The assembly shall  
9     consist of one hundred and fifty members. The assembly members elected  
10    in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, and their  
11    successors, shall be chosen for two years.

12    NO MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL SERVE IN OFFICE IN EITHER HOUSE FOR  
13    MORE THAN A TOTAL OF SIXTEEN YEARS, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE TERMS SERVED IN  
14    EITHER OR BOTH HOUSES; PROVIDED THAT A MEMBER MAY COMPLETE A TERM OF  
15    OFFICE TO WHICH THEY WERE ELECTED PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THEIR  
16    SIXTEENTH YEAR OF SERVICE.

17    S 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the provisions of the  
18    foregoing amendments shall apply only to terms of office commencing  
19    after such amendments shall have been adopted pursuant to section 1 of  
20    article 19 of the constitution.

21    S 3. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendments  
22    be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the  
23    next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and in  
24    conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be  
25    published three months previous to the time of such election.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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