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Introduced by M. of A. RABBITT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

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 legislature to four years and limiting the terms of office as a member of the legislature any person may serve

Section 1. RESOLVED (if the Senate concur), That section 2 of article 3 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

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

NO PERSON SHALL SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE FOR MORE THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE FOUR YEAR TERMS, WHETHER SUCH SERVICE IS AS A SENATOR, ASSEMBLY MEMBER, OR CONSECUTIVE TERMS AS A SENATOR AND AN ASSEMBLY MEMBER; PROVIDED THAT ANY PARTIAL TERM OF OFFICE HELD AS A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE PRIOR TO THE ELECTION TO A CONSECUTIVE FOUR YEAR TERM SHALL NOT BE USED TO CALCULATE ANY TERM LIMITATION IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH.

S 2. RESOLVED (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing amendment be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be published for 3 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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