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Introduced by M. of A. BURLING, BLANKENBUSH, SAYWARD, McLAUGHLIN, CORWIN -- 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 expanding the terms of senators and assembly members to four years and limiting the number of terms the members of the senate and the assembly may serve to three terms

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 for two years; PROVIDED THAT SENATORS ELECTED IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN, AND THEIR SUCCESSORS, 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 for two years; PROVIDED THAT ASSEMBLY MEMBERS ELECTED IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN, AND THEIR SUCCESSORS, SHALL HOLD THEIR OFFICES FOR FOUR YEARS. NO MEMBER OF THE SENATE OR THE ASSEMBLY SHALL SERVE MORE THAN THREE TERMS.

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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