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

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 TWELVE AND IN SUBSEQUENT
8 YEARS SHALL HOLD THEIR OFFICES FOR SIX 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] ELECTED for TERMS OF two years; PROVIDED,
12 THAT ASSEMBLY MEMBERS ELECTED IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWELVE AND IN
13 SUBSEQUENT YEARS SHALL HOLD THEIR OFFICES FOR FOUR YEARS.

14 NO PERSON SHALL SERVE AS A SENATOR FOR MORE THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE SIX
15 YEAR TERMS, ANY SENATOR WHO LEAVES HIS OR HER SERVICE AS A SENATOR FOR
16 AT LEAST ONE TERM, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO SERVE AN ADDITIONAL THREE
17 CONSECUTIVE SIX YEAR TERMS.

18 NO PERSON SHALL SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY FOR MORE THAN FOUR
19 CONSECUTIVE FOUR YEAR TERMS, PROVIDED THAT ANY MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY
20 WHO LEAVE HIS OR HER OFFICE FOR AT LEAST ONE TERM, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO
21 SERVE AN ADDITIONAL FOUR CONSECUTIVE FOUR YEAR TERMS.

22 S 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the provisions of the
23 foregoing amendments shall apply only to terms of offices commencing
24 after such amendments shall have been adopted pursuant to section 1 of
25 article 19 of the constitution.

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

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