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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

Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly 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 SIXTEEN 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 for two years.

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

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

S 3. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendments 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 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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