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2015-2016 Regular Sessions

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Introduced by M. of A. BRAUNSTEIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- recommitted to the Committee on Governmental Operations in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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

1     Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That section 2 of article  
2     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 EIGHTEEN AND IN SUBSE-  
8     QUENT YEARS THEREAFTER SHALL HOLD THEIR OFFICES FOR FOUR YEARS;  
9     PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT IN ALL LEGISLATIVE TERMS THAT COMMENCE IMME-  
10    DIATELY FOLLOWING A DECENNIAL CENSUS YEAR, THE TERM SHALL BE TWO YEARS.  
11    The assembly shall consist of one hundred and fifty members. The assem-  
12    bly members [elected in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-  
13    eight, and their successors,] shall be [chosen] ELECTED for TERMS OF two  
14    years; PROVIDED, THAT ASSEMBLY MEMBERS ELECTED IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND  
15    EIGHTEEN AND IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS THEREAFTER SHALL HOLD THEIR OFFICES FOR  
16    FOUR YEARS; PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT IN ALL LEGISLATIVE TERMS THAT  
17    COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A DECENNIAL CENSUS YEAR, THE TERM SHALL  
18    BE TWO YEARS.  
19    S 2. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the provisions of the fore-  
20    going amendments shall apply only to terms of office commencing after  
21    such amendments shall have been adopted pursuant to section 1 of article  
22    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 Senate concur), That the foregoing amendments be  
2 referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the  
3 next succeeding general election of the members of the assembly, and, in  
4 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be  
5 published for three months previous to the time of such election.