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Introduced by M. of A. BRAUNSTEIN -- 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 legisla-
ture 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 SEVENTEEN 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 SEVENTEEN AND IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS THEREAFTER SHALL HOLD THEIR OFFICES
16 FOR 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.
23 S 3. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing amendments be
24 referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the
25 next succeeding general election of the members of the assembly, and, in
26 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be
27 published for 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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