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2015-2016 Regular Sessions

I N A S S E M B L Y

November 16, 2015

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.