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Introduced by Sens. PARKER, AVELLA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary -- recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- 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 and limiting the terms of office as a member of the legislature any person may serve

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

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

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

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

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S 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the provisions of the foregoing amendments shall apply only to terms of offices 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.