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2015-2016 Regular Sessions

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Introduced by Sens. AVELLA, KRUEGER -- 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 to four years

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 EIGHTEEN AND IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS THEREAFTER SHALL HOLD THEIR OFFICES FOR FOUR YEARS; PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT IN ALL LEGISLATIVE TERMS THAT COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A DECENNIAL CENSUS YEAR, THE TERM SHALL BE TWO 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 EIGHTEEN AND IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS THEREAFTER SHALL HOLD THEIR OFFICES FOR FOUR YEARS; PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT IN ALL LEGISLATIVE TERMS THAT COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A DECENNIAL CENSUS YEAR, THE TERM SHALL BE TWO YEARS.

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.

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

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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 the members of the assembly, and, in conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be published for three months previous to the time of such election.