

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SCHMITT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to term limits for legislators, legislative staff, statewide elected officials and the staff of such officials

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The legislative law is amended by adding a new section 2-a
2 to read as follows:

3 § 2-a. Legislative term limits. 1. Members of the legislature shall
4 not serve more than four two-year terms in both the senate or the assem-
5 bly.

6 2. Statewide elected officials shall not serve more than two four-year
7 terms in the same statewide elected position.

8 3. Persons serving as staff members for legislators in either the
9 senate or the assembly, as staff members for the executive, or as offi-
10 cers and employees of statewide elected officials shall not serve more
11 than twelve years in total as a legislative staff member, executive
12 staff member, or officer or employee of a statewide elected official,
13 respectively. Such restriction shall not prevent a person from serving
14 twelve years as a legislative staff member followed by twelve years as
15 an executive staff member, or as an officer or employee of a statewide
16 elected official, or any combination thereof. For purposes of this
17 subdivision, "staff member" shall mean any person serving as a full or
18 part time employee on the executive staff, as a full or part time
19 employee on a legislator's staff, whether in the city of Albany or a
20 district office, as an employee of the central staff of the senate or
21 the central staff of the assembly, or any person who is serving as an
22 at-will employee for a legislator or the executive.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; only terms commenced on
24 or after such date shall be counted toward an individual's years of
25 service.

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

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