STATE OF NEW YORK

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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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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