

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION PROVIDING THAT A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL SERVE NO MORE THAN FIVE TERMS IN THE ARKANSAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THREE TERMS IN THE ARKANSAS SENATE BUT IN NO EVENT SHALL SERVE MORE THAN SIXTEEN YEARS, WHETHER CONSECUTIVE OR NONCONSECUTIVE.

Subtitle

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Amendment 73 of the Arkansas Constitution is amended to read as follows:

§ 2. Legislative Branch.



(a) The Arkansas House of Representatives shall consist of members to be chosen every second year by the qualified electors of the several counties.

(b) The Arkansas Senate shall consist of members to be chosen every four years by the qualified electors of the several districts.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a member of the General Assembly shall serve no more than:

(1) Five (5) terms in the Arkansas House of Representatives; and

(2) Three (3) terms in the Arkansas Senate.

~~(c)~~(d) (1) A In no event shall a member of the General Assembly ~~shall~~ serve ~~no~~ more than sixteen (16) years, whether consecutive or nonconsecutive.

(2) A member who completes his or her sixteenth year of service during a term of office for which he or she has been elected may serve until the completion of that term of office.

(3) The years of service in both the Senate and the House of Representatives shall be added together and included to determine the total number of years in office.

~~(4)~~(e) A partial legislative term served as a result of a special election under Article 5, § 6, or a two-year term served as a result of apportionment of the Senate shall not be included in calculating the total number of:

(1) Terms served in the Arkansas House of Representatives and the Arkansas Senate; and

(2) ~~years~~ Years served by a member of the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed amendment is submitted to the electors of this state on the general election ballot:

(1) The title of this Joint Resolution shall be the ballot title; and

(2) The popular name shall be "An Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution Reducing the Amount of Time a Member of the General Assembly May Serve in Any One Chamber to Five (5) Terms in the Arkansas House of Representatives and Three (3) Terms in the Arkansas Senate and Providing That No Member Shall Serve More Than Sixteen (16) Years in the General Assembly, Whether Consecutive or Nonconsecutive".

SECTION 2. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, terms served in the Arkansas House of Representatives and the Arkansas Senate beginning on or after January 1, 1993, and years served by a member of the General Assembly beginning on or after January 1, 1993, shall be included to calculate the total number of terms served in the Arkansas House of Representatives and the Arkansas Senate and total number of years served by a member of the General Assembly under Section 1 of this resolution.

(b) The following shall not be included in calculating the total number of terms served in the Arkansas House of Representatives and the Arkansas Senate and years served by a member of the General Assembly under Section 1 of this resolution:

(1) A partial legislative term beginning on or after January 1, 1993, as a result of a special election under Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 6; and

(2) A two-year term beginning on or after January 1, 1993, as a result of apportionment of the Senate.

/s/A. Clark