

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the Arkansas Constitution.

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON SHALL NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWELVE (12) YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND NOT MORE THAN TWELVE (12) YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE SENATE, BUT SHALL IN NO EVENT SERVE MORE THAN FOURTEEN (14) YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Subtitle

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION RESTORING ARKANSAS TERM LIMITS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE SENATE, 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. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 73, § 2, 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 (4) years by the qualified electors of the several districts.

(c)(1) A member of the General Assembly:

(A) Shall not serve more than twelve (12) years as a member of the House of Representatives, whether consecutive or nonconsecutive;

(B) Shall not serve more than twelve (12) years as a member of the Senate, whether consecutive or nonconsecutive; and

(C) shall Shall in no event serve ~~no~~ more than ~~sixteen (16)~~ fourteen (14) years as a member of the General Assembly, whether consecutive or nonconsecutive.

(2) A member who completes his or her twelfth year of service as a member of the House of Representatives or Senate or ~~sixteenth~~ fourteenth year of service as a member of the General Assembly 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) 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 years served by a member of the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT. This amendment shall not cut short or invalidate a term for which a member of the House of Representatives or Senate was elected at the 2020 general election.

SECTION 3. 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 "A Constitutional Amendment to

Provide that a Person Shall Not Serve More Than Twelve (12) Years as a Member of the House of Representatives and Not More Than Twelve (12) Years as a Member of the Senate, but Shall In No Event Serve More Than *Fourteen (14)* Years as a Member of the General Assembly".

/s/Warren