

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

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND AMENDING THE NUMBER OF YEARS THAT A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY SERVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Subtitle

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AMEND THE NUMBER OF YEARS THAT A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY SERVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND 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. 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 years by the qualified electors of the several districts.*

(c)(1) *A Except as provided in subdivision (c)(5) of this section, a member of the General Assembly shall serve no more than ~~sixteen (16)~~ twelve (12) years, whether consecutive or nonconsecutive.*

(2) *A Except as provided in subdivision (c)(5) of this section, 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 of the General Assembly shall not be elected to any term which, if served, would cause the member to exceed twelve (12) years of service in the General Assembly.*

(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.*

(5)(A) *A member of the General Assembly who serves twelve (12) years in the General Assembly shall not be eligible for subsequent service in the General Assembly until ten (10) years after the expiration of the last term of office in the General Assembly for which he or she was elected.*

(B) *Subsequent service in the General Assembly under subdivision (c)(5)(A) of this section shall not exceed twelve (12) years, whether consecutive or nonconsecutive.*

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 Amend the Number of Years that a Member of the General Assembly May Serve in the General Assembly".

/s/Bond