

REFERENCE TITLE: term limits; four years

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Introduced by  
Representative Tobin

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE IV, PART 2, SECTION 21, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS' TERMS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the  
2 Senate concurring:

3 1. Article IV, part 2, section 21, Constitution of Arizona, is  
4 proposed to be amended as follows if approved by the voters and on  
5 proclamation of the Governor:

6 21. Term limits of members of state legislature

7 Section 21. A. The members of the first legislature  
8 shall hold office until the first Monday in January, 1913.  
9 THROUGH THE FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, the terms of office of the  
10 members of ~~succeeding legislatures~~ THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
11 AND THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE shall be two years. No state  
12 senator shall serve more than four consecutive terms in that  
13 office, nor shall any state representative serve more than four  
14 consecutive terms in that office. This limitation on the number  
15 of terms of consecutive service shall apply to terms of office  
16 beginning on or after January 1, 1993.

17 B. BEGINNING WITH THE FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE IN 2011, THE  
18 TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
19 SHALL BE FOUR YEARS AND THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS OF  
20 THE SENATE SHALL BE STAGGERED TERMS OF FOUR YEARS. BEGINNING  
21 WITH THE FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE IN 2011, A STATE SENATOR SHALL NOT  
22 SERVE MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN THAT OFFICE, NOR SHALL  
23 ANY STATE REPRESENTATIVE SERVE MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS  
24 IN THAT OFFICE. THIS LIMITATION TO TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS OF  
25 SERVICE APPLIES TO TERMS OF OFFICE THAT BEGIN ON OR AFTER  
26 JANUARY 1, 2011.

27 C. No legislator, after serving the maximum number of  
28 terms, which shall include any part of a term served, may serve  
29 in the same office until ~~he~~ THE LEGISLATOR has been out of  
30 office for no less than one full term.

31 D. THE INCREASE TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM, THE CHANGE TO  
32 STAGGERED TERMS AND THE CHANGE TO A LIMIT OF TWO CONSECUTIVE  
33 TERMS OF SERVICE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE BEGINNING WITH  
34 THE FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE IN 2011 SHALL APPLY AS FOLLOWS:

35 1. FIFTEEN OF THE SENATORS ELECTED TO THE FIFTIETH  
36 LEGISLATURE SHALL SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM, WITH THOSE FIFTEEN TO  
37 BE DETERMINED BY LOT FROM AMONG THE PERSONS ELECTED TO THE  
38 SENATE OF THE FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE. THE REMAINING FIFTEEN  
39 MEMBERS OF THE SENATE SHALL SERVE A TWO-YEAR TERM UNTIL THE  
40 FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE IN 2013, WHEN THE PERSONS ELECTED TO  
41 FILL THE SEATS OF THOSE REMAINING FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE SENATE  
42 SHALL SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM. THEREAFTER, THE TERM OF OFFICE OF  
43 ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE SHALL BE A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

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2. ANY PERSON WHO SERVES ANY PORTION OF A TWO-YEAR SENATE TERM OF OFFICE IN THE FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE TWO ADDITIONAL CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN THE SENATE THAT BEGIN IN JANUARY, 2013 AND JANUARY, 2017, AND IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A FOURTH CONSECUTIVE TERM IN THE SENATE.

3. ANY PERSON WHO SERVES ANY PORTION OF A FOUR-YEAR SENATE TERM OF OFFICE IN THE FIFTIETH AND FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURES IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE ONE ADDITIONAL CONSECUTIVE TERM IN THE SENATE THAT BEGINS IN JANUARY, 2015, AND IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A THIRD CONSECUTIVE TERM IN THE SENATE.

E. THE CHANGE TO A LIMIT OF TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BEGINNING WITH THE FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE IN 2011 SHALL APPLY AS FOLLOWS:

1. A LEGISLATOR WHO SERVES THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND WHOSE FIRST TERM OF OFFICE BEGAN IN JANUARY, 2005, IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE ONE ADDITIONAL CONSECUTIVE TERM IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT BEGINS IN JANUARY, 2011, AND IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A FIFTH CONSECUTIVE TERM IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

2. A LEGISLATOR WHO SERVES TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND WHOSE FIRST TERM OF OFFICE BEGAN IN JANUARY, 2007, IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE ONE ADDITIONAL CONSECUTIVE TERM THAT BEGINS IN JANUARY, 2011, AND IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A FOURTH CONSECUTIVE TERM IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

3. A LEGISLATOR WHO SERVES ONE TERM IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND WHOSE FIRST TERM OF OFFICE BEGAN IN JANUARY, 2009, IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE TWO ADDITIONAL CONSECUTIVE TERMS OF OFFICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT BEGIN IN JANUARY, 2011, AND JANUARY, 2015, AND IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A FOURTH CONSECUTIVE TERM IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the voters at the next general election as provided by article XXI, Constitution of Arizona.