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Senator Kavanagh

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.

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1 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
2 Representatives 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 FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, the terms of office of the
10 members of ~~succeeding legislatures shall be~~ THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE ARE two years. No
12 state senator shall serve more than four consecutive terms in
13 that office, nor shall any state representative serve more than
14 four consecutive terms in that office. This limitation on the
15 number of terms of consecutive service ~~shall apply~~ APPLIES to
16 terms of office beginning on or after January 1, 1993.

17 B. BEGINNING WITH THE FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE IN 2017,
18 THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE ARE FOUR YEARS.
20 BEGINNING WITH THE FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE IN 2017, A STATE
21 SENATOR SHALL NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN THAT
22 OFFICE, NOR SHALL ANY STATE REPRESENTATIVE SERVE MORE THAN TWO
23 CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN THAT OFFICE. THIS LIMITATION TO TWO
24 CONSECUTIVE TERMS OF SERVICE APPLIES TO TERMS OF OFFICE THAT
25 BEGIN ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2017.

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

30 D. THE INCREASE TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM BEGINNING WITH THE
31 FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE IN 2017 APPLIES AS FOLLOWS:

32 1. A LEGISLATOR WHO SERVES THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN ONE
33 HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE AND WHOSE FIRST TERM BEGAN IN JANUARY,
34 2011 IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE ONE ADDITIONAL CONSECUTIVE TERM IN
35 THAT HOUSE THAT BEGINS IN JANUARY, 2017 AND IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR
36 A FIFTH CONSECUTIVE TERM IN THAT HOUSE.

37 2. A LEGISLATOR WHO SERVES TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN ONE
38 HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE AND WHOSE FIRST TERM BEGAN IN JANUARY,
39 2013 IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE ONE ADDITIONAL CONSECUTIVE TERM IN
40 THAT HOUSE THAT BEGINS IN JANUARY, 2017 AND IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR
41 A FOURTH CONSECUTIVE TERM IN THAT HOUSE.

1 3. A LEGISLATOR WHO SERVES ONE TERM IN A HOUSE OF THE
2 LEGISLATURE AND WHOSE FIRST TERM BEGAN IN JANUARY, 2015 WITHOUT
3 PRIOR CONSECUTIVE SERVICE IN THAT HOUSE IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE TWO
4 ADDITIONAL CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN THAT HOUSE THAT BEGIN IN
5 JANUARY, 2017 AND JANUARY, 2021.

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