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Representative Travers

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE IV, PART 2, SECTION 21, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE V, SECTION 12, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE.

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1 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
2 the 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 The terms of office of the members of succeeding legislatures
10 shall be two years.

11 B. THROUGH THE FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, ~~no~~ A state
12 senator shall NOT serve more than four consecutive terms in
13 that office, ~~nor shall any~~ AND A state representative MAY NOT
14 serve more than four consecutive terms in that office. This
15 limitation on the number of terms of consecutive service ~~shall~~
16 ~~apply~~ APPLIES to terms of office beginning on or after January
17 1, 1993. ~~no~~ A legislator, after serving the maximum number of
18 terms, which shall include any part of a term served, may NOT
19 serve in the same office until ~~he~~ THE LEGISLATOR has been out
20 of office for no less than one full term.

21 C. BEGINNING WITH THE FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE IN 2027
22 AND WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY PRIOR SERVICE IN THE LEGISLATURE:

23 1. A STATE SENATOR MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN FOUR TERMS
24 IN THE STATE SENATE DURING THAT STATE SENATOR'S LIFETIME.

25 2. A STATE REPRESENTATIVE MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN FOUR
26 TERMS IN THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DURING THAT STATE
27 REPRESENTATIVE'S LIFETIME.

28 3. A PERSON MAY SERVE A MAXIMUM OF FOUR TERMS IN THE
29 STATE SENATE AND A MAXIMUM OF FOUR TERMS IN THE STATE HOUSE OF
30 REPRESENTATIVES DURING THAT PERSON'S LIFETIME.

31 4. THE LIFETIME LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF TERMS SERVED IN
32 EACH CHAMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE APPLY TO A PERSON WITHOUT
33 REGARD TO CONSECUTIVE SERVICE OR ANY PERIODS DURING WHICH THE
34 PERSON IS OUT OF OFFICE. THE LIFETIME LIMITS APPLY TO ANY
35 PART OF A TERM SERVED.

36 2. Article V, section 12, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to
37 be amended as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the
38 Governor:

39 12. Compensation of elective state officers;
40 commission on salaries for elective state
41 officers

42 Section 12. A. The salaries of those holding elective
43 state offices shall be as established by law from time to
44 time, subject to the limitations of article ~~6~~ VI, section 33
45 and to the limitations of article ~~4~~ IV, part 2, section 17.

Such salaries as are presently established may be altered from time to time by the procedure established in this section or as otherwise provided by law, except that legislative salaries may be altered only by the procedures established in this section. BEGINNING WITH THE FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE IN 2027, THE SALARY FOR LEGISLATORS IS \$35,000 PER YEAR AND SHALL BE ADJUSTED EVERY TWO YEARS THEREAFTER ON THE SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY BASED ON THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, OR ITS SUCCESSOR INDEX, PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

B. A commission to be known as the commission on salaries for elective state officers is authorized to be established by the legislature. The commission shall be composed of five members appointed from private life, two of whom shall be appointed by the governor and one each by the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the chief justice. At such times as may be directed by the legislature, the commission shall report to the governor with recommendations concerning the rates of pay of elected state officers. The governor shall ~~upon~~ ON the receipt of such report make recommendations to the legislature with respect to the exact rates of pay ~~which he~~ THAT THE GOVERNOR deems advisable for those offices and positions other than for the rates of pay of members of the legislature. Such recommendations shall become effective at a time established by the legislature after the transmission of the recommendation of the governor without aid of further legislative action unless, within such period of time, there has been enacted into law a statute ~~which~~ THAT establishes rates of pay other than those proposed by the governor, or unless either house of the legislature specifically disapproves all or part of the governor's recommendation. The recommendations of the governor, unless disapproved or altered within the time provided by law, shall be effective; ~~and any 1971 recommendations shall be effective as to all offices on the first Monday in January of 1973.~~ In case of either a legislative enactment or disapproval by either house, the recommendations shall be effective only insofar as not altered or disapproved. ~~The recommendations of the commission as to legislative salaries shall be certified by it to the secretary of state and the secretary of state shall submit to the qualified electors at the next regular general election the question, "Shall the recommendations of the commission on salaries for elective state officers concerning legislative salaries be accepted? [] Yes [] No."~~ Such recommendations

1 ~~if approved by the electors shall become effective at the~~
2 ~~beginning of the next regular legislative session without any~~
3 ~~other authorizing legislation.~~ All recommendations ~~which~~ THAT
4 become effective under this section shall supersede all laws
5 enacted ~~prior to~~ BEFORE their effective date relating to such
6 salaries.
7 3. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to
8 the voters at the next general election as provided by article XXI,
9 Constitution of Arizona.