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A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 4, OF THE HAWAII
STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH LEGISLATIVE TERM LIMITS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to propose an
2 amendment to article III, section 4, of the Constitution of the
3 State of Hawaii to limit the terms of members of the legislature
4 to a maximum of twelve consecutive years in the house of
5 representatives and twelve consecutive years in the senate.

6 SECTION 2. Article III, section 4, of the Constitution of
7 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

8 **"ELECTION OF MEMBERS; TERM**

9 Section 4. Each member of the legislature shall be elected
10 at an election. If more than one candidate has been nominated
11 for election to a seat in the legislature, the member occupying
12 that seat shall be elected at a general election. If a
13 candidate nominated for a seat at a primary election is
14 unopposed for that seat at the general election, the candidate
15 shall be deemed elected at the primary election. The term of
16 office of a member of the house of representatives shall be two



1 years and the term of office of a member of the senate shall be
2 four years[-]; provided that for terms beginning on the general
3 election of 2020, no member of the legislature shall serve for
4 more than twelve consecutive years in the house of
5 representatives and twelve consecutive years in the senate;
6 provided further that if the member reaches the twelve-year
7 limit in the house of representatives or the senate, that member
8 may serve additional terms in office after a hiatus of at least
9 one term of office in the house of representatives or the
10 senate, as applicable. The term of a member of the legislature
11 shall begin on the day of the general election at which elected
12 or if elected at a primary election, on the day of the general
13 election immediately following the primary election at which
14 elected. For a member of the house of representatives, the term
15 shall end on the day of the general election immediately
16 following the day the member's term commences. For a member of
17 the senate, the term shall end on the day of the second general
18 election immediately following the day the member's term
19 commences."

20 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
21 be as follows:



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1 "Shall members of the legislature be limited to serving a
 2 maximum of twelve consecutive years in the house of
 3 representatives and twelve consecutive years in the senate,
 4 for terms beginning on the general election of 2020?"

5 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
 6 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
 7 underscored.

8 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon
 9 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of
 10 the State of Hawaii.

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Report Title:

Legislative Term Limits; Constitutional Amendment

Description:

Proposes a constitutional amendment to limit the terms of members of the legislature to a maximum of twelve consecutive years in the house of representatives and twelve consecutive years in the senate, for terms beginning on the day of the general election of 2020.

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