
A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 4, OF THE HAWAII
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 twenty years in the house of representatives and
5 twenty 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



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1 years and the term of office of a member of the senate shall be
2 four years. After the general election of 2018, no member of
3 the legislature shall serve for more than twenty consecutive
4 years in the house of representatives or twenty consecutive
5 years in the senate; provided that a member may complete the
6 member's term if the member reaches the twenty-year limit before
7 a current term has ended.

8 The term of a member of the legislature shall begin on the
9 day of the general election at which elected or if elected at a
10 primary election, on the day of the general election immediately
11 following the primary election at which elected. For a member
12 of the house of representatives, the terms shall end on the day
13 of the general election immediately following the day the
14 member's term commences. For a member of the senate, the term
15 shall end on the day of the second general election immediately
16 following the day the member's term commences."

17 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
18 be as follows:

19 "Shall members of the legislature be limited to serving a
20 maximum of twenty consecutive years in the house of



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1 representatives or the senate, with years of service
2 calculated after the general election of 2018?"

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 Constitutional material to be repealed is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

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

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Report Title:

Legislative Term Limits

Description:

Limits the terms of members of the Legislature to 20 consecutive years in the House of Representatives or the Senate, with years of service calculated after the general election of 2018.

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