

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 00

November 12, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Bledsoe, Crawford, Daley, Denby, DeShazor, Durhal, Geiss, Gregory, Haugh, Haveman, Kandrevas, Kennedy, Kurtz, Lipton, Liss, Lori, Rogers, Roy Schmidt, Wayne Schmidt, Paul Scott, Scripps, Slezak, Stamas, Stanley, Switalski, Tlaib, Tyler, Walsh and Womack and referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 54 of article IV, to modify term limits for certain elected state offices.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to modify term limits for certain elected state offices, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 54. No person shall ~~be elected to the office of~~ **SERVE AS**
~~A state representative more than three times. No person shall be~~
~~elected to the office of state senate more than two times~~ **OR STATE**

1 **SENATOR FOR A COMBINED TOTAL OF MORE THAN 14 YEARS.** Any person
2 appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in the house of
3 representatives or the state senate ~~for a period greater than one~~
4 ~~half of a term of such office,~~ **WHO HOLDS OFFICE FOR ONE DAY OR MORE**
5 **WITHIN A CALENDAR YEAR** shall be considered to have ~~been elected to~~
6 ~~serve one time in that office~~ **SERVED THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR** for
7 purposes of this section. This limitation on the number of ~~times~~
8 **YEARS** a person ~~shall be elected to~~ **MAY SERVE IN** office shall apply
9 to terms of office beginning on or after January 1, 1993. **A PERSON**
10 **IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO SERVE AS A STATE REPRESENTATIVE OR STATE SENATOR**
11 **UNLESS THAT PERSON IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE THE ENTIRE TERM OF THAT**
12 **OFFICE UNDER THIS SECTION.**

13 This section shall be self-executing. Legislation may be
14 enacted to facilitate operation of this section, but no law shall
15 limit or restrict the application of this section. If any part of
16 this section is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the
17 remaining parts of this section shall not be affected but will
18 remain in full force and effect.

19 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
20 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election
21 in the manner provided by law.