

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION GG

December 10, 2014, Introduced by Senator RICHARDVILLE and referred to the Committee on Committee of the Whole.

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

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, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 54. ~~No~~**EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, A** person shall **NOT** be elected to the office of state representative more than three times. ~~No~~**EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, A** person shall **NOT** be elected to the office of state senate more than two times. Any person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in the house of representatives or the state senate for a

1 period greater than one half of a term of such office, shall be
2 considered to have been elected to serve one time in that office
3 for purposes of this section. This limitation on the number of
4 times a person shall be elected to office shall apply to terms of
5 office beginning on or after January 1, 1993.

6 **THE LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF TIMES A PERSON MAY BE ELECTED**
7 **TO THE OFFICE OF STATE SENATE AND OFFICE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE**
8 **DOES NOT APPLY IF A PERSON SUBMITS PETITIONS SIGNED BY A NUMBER OF**
9 **REGISTERED AND QUALIFIED ELECTORS EQUAL TO TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF**
10 **THE NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING IN THE LAST PRECEDING ELECTION FOR THE**
11 **OFFICE OF GOVERNOR IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE PERSON IS**
12 **SEEKING OFFICE. A PERSON WHO SUBMITS PETITIONS SIGNED BY A**
13 **SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF ELECTORS UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE ELECTED TO**
14 **THE OFFICE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE AN ADDITIONAL THREE TIMES. A**
15 **PERSON WHO SUBMITS PETITIONS SIGNED BY A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF**
16 **ELECTORS UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF STATE**
17 **SENATE ONE ADDITIONAL TIME.**

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

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