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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS
ENGROSSED NO. **HJR 1006** - 2/22/2019

Introduced by: Representatives Karr and Bartels and Senator Cronin

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to voters an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of South Dakota, revising legislative terms of office.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
4 DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

5 Section 1. That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendment to
6 Article III, section 6 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in section 2
7 of this Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the electors of the state
8 for approval.

9 Section 2. That Article III, section 6 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be
10 amended to read as follows:

11 § 6. The terms of office of the members of the Legislature shall be ~~two~~ four years; they shall
12 receive for their services the salary fixed by law under the provisions of § 2 of article XXI of
13 this Constitution, and five cents for every mile of necessary travel in going to and returning from
14 the place of meeting of the Legislature on the most usual route.

15 No person may serve more than ~~four~~ three consecutive terms or a total of ~~eight~~ twelve



1 consecutive years in the senate and more than ~~four~~ three consecutive terms or a total of ~~eight~~
2 twelve consecutive years in the house of representatives. However, this restriction does not
3 apply to partial terms to which a legislator may be appointed.

4 Any person having already served one, two, or three consecutive years is eligible for three
5 four-year terms. Any person having served four, five, six, or seven consecutive years is eligible
6 for two four-year terms. Any person having served eight consecutive years is eligible for one
7 four-year term.

8 A regular session of the Legislature shall be held each year and ~~shall~~ may not exceed forty
9 legislative days, excluding Sundays, holidays and legislative recess, except in cases of
10 impeachment, and members of the Legislature shall receive no other pay or perquisites except
11 salary and mileage.

12 Section 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2-1-12, the effective date of this amendment
13 is January 1, 2022.