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2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 87

January 6, 2022 - Introduced by Senator STROEBEL, cosponsored by Representatives EDMING, DITTRICH, GUNDRUM, MACCO, OLDENBURG, SCHRAA, STEFFEN, TITTL and SKOWRONSKI. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs and Constitution and Federalism.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **To renumber** section 6 of article IV, section 2 of article V, section 1 of article VI and
2 section 1 of article X; and **to create** section 6 (2) of article IV, section 2 (2) of
3 article V, section 1 (2) of article VI and section 1 (2) of article X of the
4 constitution; **relating to:** limiting the number of terms permitted for members
5 of the state legislature and constitutional officers (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2021 legislature on first consideration, limits members of the legislature to 12 years of service in the same office and limits the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, and state superintendent of public instruction to eight years of service in the same office. Time served in an initial partial term in the same office and time served in a different office are not counted as part of the 12-year and eight-year limits. Additionally, any time served prior to the first terms to which the constitutional amendment applies is not counted as part of the 12-year and eight-year limits.

A constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

6 **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:**

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 6 of article IV of the constitution is renumbered section 6
2 (1) of article IV.

3 **SECTION 2.** Section 6 (2) of article IV of the constitution is created to read:

4 [Article IV] Section 6 (2) Beginning with the term commencing after 2026, a
5 person may not serve more than 3 4-year terms as a senator or more than 6 2-year
6 terms as a representative to the assembly. Time served prior to a term that
7 commences after 2026, time served during a partial term in the same house, if it is
8 the person's first term in that house, and time served in the other house, shall not
9 be counted as part of the 12-year limit.

10 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of article V of the constitution is renumbered section 2 (1)
11 of article V.

12 **SECTION 4.** Section 2 (2) of article V of the constitution is created to read:

13 [Article V] Section 2 (2) Beginning with the term commencing after 2030, a
14 person may not serve more than 2 4-year terms as governor or lieutenant governor.
15 Time served prior to a term that commences after 2030, time served during a partial
16 term in the same state office, if it is the person's first term in that office, and time
17 served in a different state office, shall not be counted as part of the 8-year limit.

18 **SECTION 5.** Section 1 of article VI of the constitution is renumbered section 1
19 (1) of article VI.

20 **SECTION 6.** Section 1 (2) of article VI of the constitution is created to read:

21 [Article VI] Section 1 (2) Beginning with the term commencing after 2030, a
22 person may not serve more than 2 4-year terms as secretary of state, treasurer, or
23 attorney general. Time served prior to a term that commences after 2030, time
24 served during a partial term in the same state office, if it is the person's first term

1 in that office, and time served in a different state office, shall not be counted as part
2 of the 8-year limit.

3 **SECTION 7.** Section 1 of article X of the constitution is renumbered section 1 (1)
4 of article X.

5 **SECTION 8.** Section 1 (2) of article X of the constitution is created to read:

6 [Article X] Section 1 (2) Beginning with the term commencing after 2030, a
7 person may not serve more than 2 4-year terms as state superintendent. Time
8 served prior to a term that commences after 2030, time served during a partial term
9 as state superintendent, if it is the person's first term as state superintendent, and
10 time served in a different state office, shall not be counted as part of the 8-year limit.

11 **SECTION 9. Numbering of new provision.** If another constitutional
12 amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this
13 joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the
14 sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

15 ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the
16 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for three
17 months previous to the time of holding such election.

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(END)