

1 Senate Joint Resolution No. 612
2 A joint resolution proposing the amendment of
3 Section 4 of Article VI and Section 4 of
4 Article IX of the State Constitution to provide
5 12-year limits on specified elective offices.
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7 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 That the following amendments of Section 4 of Article
10 VI and Section 4 of Article IX of the State Constitution are
11 agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state
12 for approval or rejection at the next general election or at
13 an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for
14 that purpose:

15 ARTICLE VI

16 SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

17 SECTION 4. Disqualifications.--

18 (a) No person convicted of a felony, or adjudicated in
19 this or any other state to be mentally incompetent, shall be
20 qualified to vote or hold office until restoration of civil
21 rights or removal of disability.

22 (b) No person may appear on the ballot for re-election
23 to any of the following offices:

24 ~~(1) Florida representative,~~
25 ~~(2) Florida senator,~~
26 (1)(3) Florida Lieutenant governor,
27 (2)(4) any office of the Florida cabinet,
28 (3)(5) U.S. Representative from Florida, or
29 (4)(6) U.S. Senator from Florida
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1 if, by the end of the current term of office, the person will
 2 have served (or, but for resignation, would have served) in
 3 that office for eight consecutive years.

4 (c) No person may appear on the ballot for re-election
 5 to any of the following offices:

6 (1) Florida representative, or

7 (2) Florida senator

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 9 if, by the end of the current term of office, the person will
 10 have served (or, but for resignation, would have served) in
 11 that office for twelve consecutive years. Any person serving
 12 in any such office on the effective date of this subsection
 13 may not serve more than twelve consecutive years in that
 14 office.

15 ARTICLE IX

16 EDUCATION

17 SECTION 4. School districts; school boards.--

18 (a) Each county shall constitute a school district;
 19 provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the
 20 electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into
 21 one school district. In each school district there shall be a
 22 school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote
 23 of the electors in a nonpartisan election for appropriately
 24 staggered terms of four years, as provided by law.

25 (b) The school board shall operate, control and
 26 supervise all free public schools within the school district
 27 and determine the rate of school district taxes within the
 28 limits prescribed herein. Two or more school districts may
 29 operate and finance joint educational programs.

30 (c) A person may not serve as a member of a district
 31 school board for more than twelve consecutive years. If a

1 member of a district school board resigns before completing
2 twelve consecutive years of service and subsequently seeks
3 election to the board, the time served before resignation
4 shall be deemed to constitute one four-year term of office for
5 purposes of determining applicability of this subsection. Time
6 served as a member of a school board before the first term to
7 which a person is elected following the election at which this
8 subsection is ratified shall not be counted in determining
9 twelve consecutive years of service.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
11 placed on the ballot:

12 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

13 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4; ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4

14 LIMITATION ON TERMS OF OFFICE; SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS,
15 STATE LEGISLATORS.--Proposing an amendment to the State
16 Constitution to provide that a person may not serve more than
17 12 consecutive years, beginning with the election following
18 the election at which the amendment is ratified, as a member
19 of a district school board and to further provide that the
20 maximum allowable term of office for members of the State
21 Legislature shall be increased from 8 years to 12 years.