Senate Joint Resolution No. $\qquad$ A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article VI and the creation of Section 26 of Article XII of the State Constitution, relating to limitations on the number of consecutive years during which certain elected constitutional officers may hold office before being denied the right to have their names appear on the ballot.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendment to Section 4 of Article VI and the following creation of Section 26 of Article XII of the State Constitution are agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for the purpose:

ARTICLE VI
SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS
SECTION 4. Disqualifications.--
(a) No person convicted of a felony, or adjudicated in this or any other state to be mentally incompetent, shall be qualified to vote or hold office until restoration of civil rights or removal of disability.
(b) No person may appear on the ballot for re-election to any of the following offices:
(1) Florida representative,
(2) Florida senator, or
(3) Floxida Lieutenant govexnor,
(4) any office of the Florida cabinet,

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    (5) U.S. Representative from Florida, or
    (G) U.N. Senator from Florida
if, by the end of the current term of office, the person will
have served (or, but for resignation, would have served) in
that office for twelve eight consecutive years.
    (c) No person may appear on the ballot for re-election
to the office of Florida lieutenant governor if, by the end of
the current term of office, the person will have served (or,
but for resignation, would have served) in that office for
eight consecutive years.
            ARTICLE XII
                SCHEDULE
    SECTION 26.--The amendment to Section 4 of Article VI
denying ballot access for re-election to any state legislator
or cabinet officer who will have served (or, but for
resignation, would have served) in that office for 12
consecutive vears, rather than 8 consecutive vears, shall take
effect upon approval by the voters and shall apply only to
those officers whose consecutive vears in office begin in
November 2006 or thereafter.
    BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
placed on the ballot:
                    CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
                        ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4
                    ARTICLE XII, SECTION 26
    TERM LIMITS.--Proposing an amendment to the State
Constitution to increase, from 8 to 12, the number of
consecutive years a state legislator or any cabinet officer
may serve in that office before being denied the right to have
his or her name appear on the ballot for re-election to that
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Office; provides that the amendment applies to those officers
whose consecutive years in office begin in November 2006 or
thereafter; and removes provisions that apply term limits by
means of ballot access to members of Congress, which the
United States Supreme Court has determined violate the Federal
Constitution.
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