

By Senator Garcia

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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article VI and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to increase limits on the period for which a person may be elected as a state senator or state representative and to remove limits on the period for which a person may be elected as a United States Senator or United States Representative.

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

That the following amendment to Section 4 of Article VI and the creation of a new section in 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 that purpose:

ARTICLE VI

SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 4. Disqualifications.—

(a) A ~~Ne~~ person convicted of a felony, or adjudicated in this or any other state to be mentally incompetent, is not ~~shall~~ ~~be~~ qualified to vote or hold office until restoration of civil rights or removal of disability.

(b) A ~~Ne~~ person may not appear on the ballot for re-election to any of the following offices:

(1) State senator or state representative if, by the end of the current term of office, the person will have served, or but

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30 for resignation would have served, in that office for twelve
 31 consecutive years.

32 ~~(1) Florida representative,~~
 33 ~~(2) Florida senator,~~
 34 (2) (3) Florida Lieutenant governor or
 35 ~~(4) any office of the Florida cabinet,~~
 36 ~~(5) U.S. Representative from Florida, or~~
 37 ~~(6) U.S. Senator from Florida~~ if, by the end of the current
 38 term of office, the person will have served, or ~~(or,~~ but for
 39 resignation, ~~would have served,~~) in that office for eight
 40 consecutive years.

41 ARTICLE XII

42 SCHEDULE

43 Applicability of amendment relating to the terms of state
 44 senators and state representatives.-

45 (a) This amendment shall take effect upon approval by the
 46 electors.

47 (b) The increase on limits on the period for which a person
 48 may be elected as a state senator or state representative by
 49 this amendment shall apply only to persons who are elected to
 50 their initial term of office for purposes of calculating term
 51 limits as a state senator or state representative in the 2016
 52 general election or any election thereafter.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
 54 placed on the ballot:

55 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

56 ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4

57 ARTICLE XII

58 REVISING TERM LIMITS FOR LEGISLATIVE OFFICES.—Proposing an

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59 amendment to the State Constitution to increase limits on the
60 period for which a person may be elected as state senator or
61 state representative, generally from 8 consecutive years to 12
62 consecutive years, for persons not currently serving in such an
63 office; and to remove limits on the period for which a person
64 may be elected as a United States Senator or United States
65 Representative, which have previously been ruled
66 unconstitutional.