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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to county commissioner term limits;
3	creating s. 124.012, F.S.; establishing term limits
4	for county commissioners; prohibiting specified
5	persons from seeking certain offices until after a
6	specified timeframe; providing applicability;
7	providing construction; requiring certain counties to
8	hold a referendum election on a specified date;
9	providing for the referendum election; providing the
10	form for the ballot title and referendum question;
11	providing an effective date.
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13	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15	Section 1. Section 124.012, Florida Statutes, is created
16	to read:
17	124.012 Term limits of county commissioners
18	(1) Notwithstanding the terms of any county charter to the
19	contrary, a person may not appear on the ballot for reelection
20	to the office of county commissioner if, by the end of his or
21	her current term of office, the person will have served, or but
22	for resignation would have served, in that office for 8
23	consecutive years. The person may not qualify for or appear on
24	the ballot for a different district seat of the county
25	commission or an at-large county commission seat of the county
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26 after his or her initial 8-year term of office until 2 years 27 after the end date of his or her initial term. 28 (2) The term limits imposed by this section apply to 29 counties in which term limits are not imposed by a county charter as of July 1, 2024, and service of a term of office 30 which commenced before November 5, 2024, may not be counted 31 32 toward the limitation imposed by this section. 33 (3) (a) This section does not supersede any term limit 34 imposed by a county charter which is more restrictive than the term limit imposed by this section and does not authorize a 35 36 person subject to such term limits to serve an additional 8 37 consecutive years. (b) A county whose charter authorizes county commissioners 38 39 to serve longer than the limits imposed by this section shall 40 hold a referendum election that coincides with the 2024 general 41 election to determine whether the limits imposed by this section 42 shall apply to such county. In the event such county rejects the term limits imposed by this section, this section does not 43 44 apply. 45 Section 2. Referendum election.-(1) A charter county whose charter limits county 46 47 commissioners from serving for a period longer than 8 48 consecutive years shall hold a referendum election on November 5, 2024. 49 50 (2) The ballot title for the referendum must be in Page 2 of 3

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51 substantially the following form:	
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53 COUNTY COMMISSIONER TERM LIMITS	
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55 (3) The referendum question must be in substantially the	_
56 <u>following form:</u>	
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58 Should the county prohibit county commissioners from	
59 <u>serving longer than 8 consecutive years?</u>	
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61 <u>() Yes.</u>	
62 <u>()</u> No.	
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64 (4) The referendum election must be conducted by the	
65 supervisor of elections for each applicable county in accordan	ce
66 with the Florida Election Code.	
67 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.	
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