

By Senator Ingoglia

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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 revise the term limits applicable to state representatives and state senators and to provide an effective date.

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) 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. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, any disqualification from voting arising from a felony conviction shall terminate and voting rights shall be restored upon completion of all terms of sentence including parole or probation.

(b) No person convicted of murder or a felony sexual offense shall be qualified to vote until restoration of civil rights.

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

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

42 (d) (1) No person may appear on the ballot for election or  
43 re-election to the office of state representative or state  
44 senator if, by the end of his or her current term of office, the  
45 person will have served, or, but for resignation, would have  
46 served, in that office for a total of eight consecutive years.

47 (2) Beginning November 3, 2026, no person may appear on the  
48 ballot for election or re-election to the office of state  
49 representative or state senator if, by the end of the current  
50 term of office, the person will have served, or, but for  
51 resignation, would have served, in state legislative office for  
52 a total of sixteen years, regardless of whether such service was  
53 consecutive or nonconsecutive.

54 (3) After November 3, 2026, a person may appear on the  
55 ballot for re-election to the office of state senator if service  
56 of a complete term of office was shortened by apportionment.  
57 Such person may still qualify for election or re-election for  
58 this subsequent term, even if the term exceeds the limits

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59 provided in paragraphs (1) or (2).

60 ARTICLE XII

61 SCHEDULE

62 Implementation of revised term limits for legislators.-

63 (a) This section and the amendment to Section 4 of Article  
64 VI imposing term limits of sixteen years of service on state  
65 representatives and state senators shall take effect upon  
66 approval by the electors.

67 (b) If a person would otherwise be prohibited from  
68 appearing on the ballot for election or re-election by paragraph  
69 (d) (2) of Section 4 of Article VI as a result of service in a  
70 legislative office before November 3, 2026, the person may  
71 nonetheless appear on the ballot for election or re-election to  
72 a state legislative office on or after November 3, 2026, and, if  
73 subsequently elected, the person may serve eight consecutive  
74 years in that office even if service of such term exceeds the  
75 nonconsecutive limits imposed by Section 4, Article VI. Such  
76 person may not serve in excess of twenty-four years regardless  
77 of whether such service was consecutive or nonconsecutive.

78 (c) If a person would otherwise be prohibited from  
79 appearing on the ballot for election or re-election by paragraph  
80 (d) (1) of Section 4 of Article VI, but the person's term of  
81 office was shortened as a result of apportionment, such person  
82 may subsequently appear on the ballot for election or re-  
83 election to a state legislative office for another term. Service  
84 of this additional term does not count toward the limits in  
85 paragraph (d) (2) of Section 4 of Article VI. Such person may not  
86 seek additional terms in such legislative office.

87 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be

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88 placed on the ballot:

89                                   CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

90                                   ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4

91                                   ARTICLE XII

92                   TERM LIMITS FOR STATE SENATORS AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES.—

93 The State Constitution provides that state representatives and  
94 state senators are limited to serving 8 consecutive years in  
95 either office. This amendment specifies that state  
96 representatives and state senators are limited to 16  
97 nonconsecutive years of total service. This revised limit would  
98 take effect after the November 3, 2026, general election, and  
99 provides that those seeking re-election during such election or  
100 election or re-election in subsequent elections may complete  
101 their terms, regardless of such limits.