

House 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

26 sentence including parole or probation.

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

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, ~~or,~~ 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  
 48 the 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 or special election, would have served, in state  
 52 legislative office for a total of sixteen years, regardless of  
 53 whether such service was 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  
 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  
 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

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101 | their terms, regardless of such limits.

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