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H.J.R. 1008

4 **By: Representatives Steele, Willems, Rice, Mahony, Flanagan, O. Miller, Sanson, Walker,**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

9 *PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS*
10 *ON ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A SALARY; TO*
11 *PROHIBIT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM INCREASING MONETARY*
12 *RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS OF THE*
13 *EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH UNLESS APPROVED BY A VOTE*
14 *OF THE PEOPLE; TO REPEAL AMENDMENT 73; TO PROVIDE THAT*
15 *OFFICES HAVING TERMS OF MORE THAN SIX (6) YEARS SHALL*
16 *HEREAFTER HAVE TERMS OF SIX (6) YEARS; AND FOR OTHER*
17 *PURPOSES.*

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Subtitle

20 *TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITATIONS; TO RESTRICT RETIREMENT*
21 *BENEFITS OF CERTAIN ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS; TO REPEAL*
22 *AMENDMENT 73; AND CONCERNING THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR*
23 *CERTAIN OFFICES.*

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26 *BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH GENERAL*
27 *ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS*
28 *ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:*

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30 *That the following is hereby proposed as an amendment to the*
31 *Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the*
32 *electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election,*
33 *if a majority of the electors voting thereon at such election, adopt such*
34 *amendment, the same shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of*
35 *Arkansas, to wit:*

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2 "SECTION 1. (a) As used in this Amendment:

3 (1) *_Elected official_* means any person elected to any state,
4 district, county, township, municipality, or other public office. *_Elected*
5 *official_* shall also include any person appointed to any elective office.
6 *_Elected official_* shall not include a person seeking or holding a federal
7 office.

8 (2) *_Same elective office_* as used for the following offices shall
9 include:

10 (A) For a member of the Arkansas Senate, service as a
11 Senator regardless of the district from which elected.

12 (B) For a member of the Arkansas House of Representatives,
13 service as a member of the House of Representatives regardless of the district
14 from which elected.

15 (C) For the Chief Justice or any Justice of the Supreme
16 Court, any position on the Supreme Court.

17 (D) For a judge of the Court of Appeals, any position on the
18 Court of Appeals.

19 (E) For a circuit judge, any circuit judgeship in this
20 state.

21 (F) For a chancery judge, any chancery judgeship in this
22 state.

23 (G) For a circuit/chancery judge, any circuit/chancery
24 judgeship in this state.

25 (H) For a member of the quorum court, any position on the
26 quorum court of the same county.

27 (I) For a member of the governing body of a municipality,
28 any position on the governing body of the same municipality.

29 (b) A person who at the end of his or her term of office shall have
30 twelve (12) or more consecutive years of service in the same elective office
31 shall not be eligible for election to an additional consecutive term. This
32 section shall only apply to elective offices for which a salary is provided by
33 law.

34 (c) This Section shall only apply to service on and after January 1,
35 1993."

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SECTION 2. All elective offices for which terms of more than six (6) years were established prior to the effective date of this amendment shall hereafter be filled for terms of six (6) years.

SECTION 3. No Act providing for a monetary increase in the retirement benefits for members of the Arkansas General Assembly or for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Auditor of State, Attorney General or Commissioner of State Lands shall be effective unless the Act is approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting on the issue at a general election.

SECTION 4. Sections 1 and 2 of Amendment 73 to the Arkansas Constitution are repealed.

SECTION 5. This Amendment shall become effective on January 1, 1995.

/s/Railey A. Steele, et al

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