

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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6 By: Representative Hammer

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

9 AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION PROVIDING
10 THAT A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL SERVE NO
11 MORE THAN FIVE TERMS IN THE ARKANSAS HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES AND THREE TERMS IN THE ARKANSAS
13 SENATE BUT IN NO EVENT SHALL SERVE MORE THAN SIXTEEN
14 YEARS, WHETHER CONSECUTIVE OR NONCONSECUTIVE.

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23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
24 OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS
25 ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Amendment 73 of the Arkansas Constitution is amended to read as follows:

§ 2. Legislative Branch.



1 (a) The Arkansas House of Representatives shall consist of members to
2 be chosen every second year by the qualified electors of the several
3 counties.

4 (b) The Arkansas Senate shall consist of members to be chosen every
5 four years by the qualified electors of the several districts.

6 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a member of
7 the General Assembly shall serve no more than:

8 (1) Five (5) terms in the Arkansas House of Representatives; and

9 (2) Three (3) terms in the Arkansas Senate.

10 ~~(c)~~(d) (1) A In no event shall a member of the General Assembly ~~shall~~
11 ~~serve no~~ more than sixteen (16) years, whether consecutive or nonconsecutive.

12 (2) A member who completes his or her sixteenth year of service
13 during a term of office for which he or she has been elected may serve until
14 the completion of that term of office.

15 (3) The years of service in both the Senate and the House of
16 Representatives shall be added together and included to determine the total
17 number of years in office.

18 ~~(4)~~(e) A partial legislative term served as a result of a special
19 election under Article 5, § 6, or a two-year term served as a result of
20 apportionment of the Senate shall not be included in calculating the total
21 number of:

22 (1) Terms served in the Arkansas House of Representatives and
23 the Arkansas Senate; and

24 (2) ~~years~~ Years served by a member of the General Assembly.

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26 SECTION 2. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed
27 amendment is submitted to the electors of this state on the general election
28 ballot:

29 (1) The title of this Joint Resolution shall be the ballot
30 title; and

31 (2) The popular name shall be "An Amendment to the Arkansas
32 Constitution Reducing the Amount of Time a Member of the General Assembly May
33 Serve in Any One Chamber to Five (5) Terms in the Arkansas House of
34 Representatives and Three (3) Terms in the Arkansas Senate and Providing That
35 No Member Shall Serve More Than Sixteen (16) Years in the General Assembly,
36 Whether Consecutive or Nonconsecutive".

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SECTION 2. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, terms served in the Arkansas House of Representatives and the Arkansas Senate beginning on or after January 1, 1993, and years served by a member of the General Assembly beginning on or after January 1, 1993, shall be included to calculate the total number of terms served in the Arkansas House of Representatives and the Arkansas Senate and total number of years served by a member of the General Assembly under Section 1 of this resolution.

(b) The following shall not be included in calculating the total number of terms served in the Arkansas House of Representatives and the Arkansas Senate and years served by a member of the General Assembly under Section 1 of this resolution:

(1) A partial legislative term beginning on or after January 1, 1993, as a result of a special election under Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 6; and

(2) A two-year term beginning on or after January 1, 1993, as a result of apportionment of the Senate.

/s/A. Clark