

1 State of Arkansas

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5 By: Senator Riggs

6 By: Representative Cleveland

9 **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

10 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO
11 CHANGE THE AMOUNT OF TIME A MEMBER OF THE ARKANSAS
12 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY SERVE FROM THREE (3) TWO-YEAR
13 TERMS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TWO (2)
14 FOUR-YEAR TERMS IN THE SENATE TO A TOTAL OF SIXTEEN
15 (16) YEARS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

17 **Subtitle**

18 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS
19 CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THE AMOUNT OF
20 TIME A MEMBER OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY MAY SERVE.

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

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

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

2. Legislative Branch.

(a) The Arkansas House of Representatives shall consist of members to be chosen every second year by the qualified electors of the several counties. ~~No member of the Arkansas House of Representatives may serve more than three such two year terms.~~

(b) The Arkansas Senate shall consist of members to be chosen every four years by the qualified electors of the several districts. ~~No member of the Arkansas Senate may serve more than two such four year terms.~~

(c)(1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no member of the General Assembly may serve more than a total of sixteen (16) years as a member of the General Assembly.

(b) If a person completes sixteen (16) years of service in the General Assembly during a term of office in the General Assembly, the person may continue to serve the remainder of the term.

(2)(a) Service in the Arkansas General Assembly after December 31, 1992 shall be included in calculating the years of service under this subsection.

(b) Service in the Arkansas General Assembly prior to January 1, 1993 shall not be included in calculating the terms of service under this subsection.

SECTION 2. This amendment shall become effective January 1, 2003.