

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the Arkansas Constitution.

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

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*AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE*

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*THAT A PERSON SHALL NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWELVE (12)*

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*YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND*

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*NOT MORE THAN TWELVE (12) YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE*

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*SENATE, BUT SHALL IN NO EVENT SERVE MORE THAN*

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*FOURTEEN (14) YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL*

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*ASSEMBLY.*

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**Subtitle**

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*AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION*

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*RESTORING ARKANSAS TERM LIMITS.*

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22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL

23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL

24 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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

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33 SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 73, § 2, is amended to  
34 read as follows:

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§ 2. Legislative Branch.

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(a) The ~~Arkansas~~ House of Representatives shall consist of members to



1 be chosen every second year by the qualified electors of the several  
2 counties.

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

5 (c)(1) A member of the General Assembly:

6 (A) Shall not serve more than twelve (12) years as a  
7 member of the House of Representatives, whether consecutive or  
8 nonconsecutive;

9 (B) Shall not serve more than twelve (12) years as a  
10 member of the Senate, whether consecutive or nonconsecutive; and

11 (C) shall Shall in no event serve ~~no~~ more than ~~sixteen (16)~~  
12 fourteen (14) years as a member of the General Assembly, whether consecutive  
13 or nonconsecutive.

14 (2) A member who completes his or her twelfth  
15 year of service as a member of the House of Representatives or Senate or  
16 sixteenth ~~fourteenth~~ year of service as a member of the General Assembly  
17 during a term of office for which he or she has been elected may serve until  
18 the completion of that term of office.

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

22 (4) A partial legislative term served as a result of a special  
23 election under Article 5, § 6, or a two-year term served as a result of  
24 apportionment of the Senate shall not be included in calculating the total  
25 number of years served by a member of the General Assembly.

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27 SECTION 2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT. This amendment shall not cut  
28 short or invalidate a term for which a member of the House of Representatives  
29 or Senate was elected at the 2020 general election.

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31 SECTION 3. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed  
32 amendment is submitted to the electors of this state on the general election  
33 ballot:

34 (1) The title of this Joint Resolution shall be the ballot  
35 title; and

36 (2) The popular name shall be "A Constitutional Amendment to

1 Provide that a Person Shall Not Serve More Than Twelve (12) Years as a Member  
2 of the House of Representatives and Not More Than Twelve (12) Years as a  
3 Member of the Senate, but Shall In No Event Serve More Than *Fourteen (14)*  
4 Years as a Member of the General Assembly".

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/s/Warren