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A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 4, OF THE HAWAII
CONSTITUTION, TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS UPON SENATORS AND
REPRESENTATIVES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to propose an
2 amendment to article III, section 4, of the Constitution of the
3 State of Hawaii to limit state senators to three consecutive
4 four-year terms and state representatives to six consecutive
5 two-year terms.

6 SECTION 2. Article III, section 4, of the Constitution of
7 the State of Hawaii, is amended to read as follows:

8 **"ELECTION OF MEMBERS; TERM**

9 **Section 4.** (a) Each member of the legislature shall be elected
10 at an election. If more than one candidate has been nominated
11 for election to a seat in the legislature, the member occupying
12 that seat shall be elected at a general election. If a candidate
13 nominated for a seat at a primary election is unopposed for that
14 seat at the general election, the candidate shall be deemed
15 elected at the primary election.

16 (b) The term of office of a member of the house of
17 representatives shall be two years [~~and the~~]; provided that:



1 (1) Beginning with terms commencing on the day of the
2 general election of 2014, no member shall serve for
3 more than six consecutive two-year terms; and

4 (2) If there is a break in service between terms of at
5 least four years, the service prior to the break shall
6 not be counted and the tallying of the term limitation
7 shall commence from the date of the new term.

8 (c) The term of office of a member of the senate shall be four
9 years[-]; provided that:

10 (1) Beginning with terms commencing on the day of the
11 general election of 2014, no member shall serve for
12 more than three consecutive terms; and

13 (2) If there is a break in service between terms of at
14 least four years, the service prior to the break shall
15 not be counted and the tallying of the term limitation
16 shall commence from the date of the new term.

17 (d) For purposes of computing the term limits in this section,
18 the following shall be considered to have served a full term of
19 office:

20 (1) Any member of the senate whose term does not
21 expire at the 2014 general election but who has two
22 years remaining in the current term of office; and



1 (2) Any person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy
2 in the legislature and who serves at least one-half of
3 a term of office.

4 The term of a member of the legislature shall begin on the day
5 of the general election at which elected or if elected at a
6 primary election, on the day of the general election immediately
7 following the primary election at which elected. For a member of
8 the house of representatives, the terms shall end on the day of
9 the general election immediately following the day the member's
10 term commences. For a member of the senate, the term shall end
11 on the day of the second general election immediately following
12 the day the member's term commences."

13 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
14 be as follows:

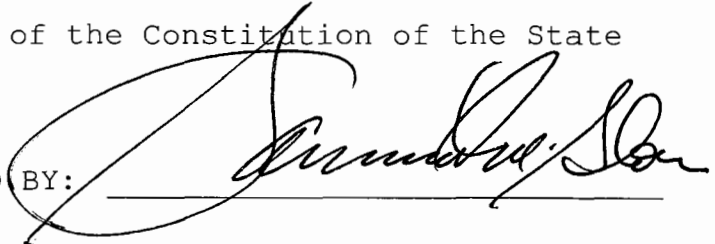
15 "Shall state senators be limited to serving three consecutive
16 four-year terms and shall state representatives be limited to
17 serving six consecutive two-year terms, beginning with terms
18 commencing on the day of the general election of 2014 provided
19 that a person may serve in the same position, if the person has
20 been out of that office for at least four years?"

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1 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
2 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
3 underscored.

4 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon compliance
5 with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of the State
6 of Hawaii.

INTRODUCED BY: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and appears to read "James H. Han".

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Report Title:

Term Limits

Description:

Limits state senators to 3 consecutive 4-year terms and state representatives to 6 consecutive 2-year terms beginning with terms commencing on the day of the general election of 2014; provided that a person becomes eligible to serve in the same position again, if the person has been out of that office for 4 years.

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