
A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 4, OF THE HAWAII
CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH LEGISLATIVE TERM LIMITS.

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 Hawaii Constitution,
3 to limit the terms of members of the legislature to a maximum of
4 twelve years in the house of representatives and twelve years in
5 the senate.

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

8 **"ELECTION OF MEMBERS; TERM**

9 **Section 4.** 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
13 candidate nominated for a seat at a primary election is
14 unopposed for that seat at the general election, the candidate
15 shall be deemed elected at the primary election. The term of
16 office of a member of the house of representatives shall be two



1 years and the term of office of a member of the senate shall be
2 four years[-]; provided that no member of the legislature shall
3 serve for more than twelve consecutive years in the house of
4 representatives or twelve consecutive years in the senate, after
5 the general election of 2016; provided further that a member may
6 complete the member's term if the member reaches the twelve-year
7 limit before a current term has ended.

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

17 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
18 be as follows:

19 "Shall members of the legislature be limited to serving a
20 maximum of twelve consecutive years in the house of



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1 representatives or the senate, with years of service
2 calculated after the general election of 2016?"

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 Constitutional material to be repealed is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

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

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Report Title:

Legislative Term Limits

Description:

Limits the terms of members of the Legislature to 12 consecutive years in the House of Representatives or the Senate, with years of service calculated after the general election of 2016.

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