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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO 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  
10 elected at an election. If more than one candidate has been  
11 nominated for election to a seat in the legislature, the member  
12 occupying 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.



1 (b) The term of office of a member of the house of  
2 representatives shall be two years [~~and the~~], provided that  
3 beginning with terms commencing on the day of the general  
4 election of 2020, no member shall serve for more than six  
5 consecutive two-year terms.

6 (c) The term of office of a member of the senate shall be four  
7 years[-], provided that beginning with terms commencing on the  
8 day of the general election of 2020, no member shall serve for  
9 more than three consecutive terms.

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

13 (1) Any member of the senate whose term does not  
14 expire at the 2020 general election but who has two  
15 years remaining in the current term of office; and

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

19 The term of a member of the legislature shall begin on the day  
20 of the general election at which elected or if elected at a



1 primary election, on the day of the general election immediately  
2 following the primary election at which elected. For a member of  
3 the house of representatives the terms shall end on the day of  
4 the general election immediately following the day the member's  
5 term commences. For a member of the senate, the term shall end  
6 on the day of the second general election immediately following  
7 the day the member's term commences."

8 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall  
9 be as follows:

10 "Shall state senators be limited to serving three  
11 consecutive four-year terms and shall state representatives be  
12 limited to serving six consecutive two-year terms, beginning  
13 with terms commencing on the day of the general election of  
14 2020?"

15 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is  
16 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is  
17 underscored.

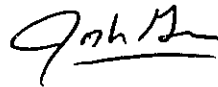
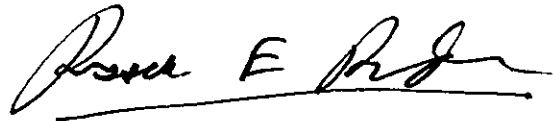
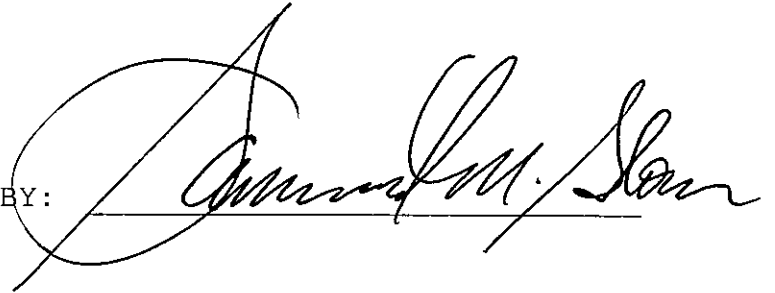
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1 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon compliance  
2 with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of the State  
3 of Hawaii.  
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# S.B. NO. 2699

**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 2020.

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