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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION W

June 18, 2015, Introduced by Reps. McBroom, Hooker, Clemente, Aaron Miller, Cole, Bumstead, Potvin, LaVoy, Zemke, Jenkins, Vaupel, Dillon, Yonker, Santana, Pagel, Outman, Poleski, Kivela, Schor, Heise, Hoadley, Wittenberg, Price and Howrylak and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 54 of article IV, to modify term limits for certain elected state offices.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to modify term limits for certain elected state offices, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 54. No A person shall be elected to the office of NOT

SERVE AS A state representative more than three times. No person shall be elected to the office of state senate more than two times.

OR STATE SENATOR FOR A COMBINED TOTAL OF MORE THAN 16 YEARS. Any

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- 1 person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in the house of
- 2 representatives or the state senate for a period greater than one
- 3 half of a term of such office, WHO HOLDS OFFICE FOR ONE DAY OR MORE
- 4 WITHIN A CALENDAR YEAR shall be considered to have been elected to
- 5 serve one time in that office SERVED THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR for
- 6 purposes of this section. This limitation on the number of times
- 7 YEARS a person shall be elected to MAY SERVE IN office shall apply
- 8 to terms of office beginning on or after January 1, 1993. A PERSON
- 9 IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO SERVE AS A STATE REPRESENTATIVE OR STATE SENATOR
- 10 UNLESS THAT PERSON IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE THE ENTIRE TERM OF THAT
- 11 OFFICE UNDER THIS SECTION.
- 12 This section shall be self-executing. Legislation may be
- 13 enacted to facilitate operation of this section, but no law shall
- 14 limit or restrict the application of this section. If any part of
- 15 this section is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the
- 16 remaining parts of this section shall not be affected but will
- 17 remain in full force and effect.
- 18 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
- 19 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election
- 20 in the manner provided by law.