

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0004

Term limits for state legislature.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hinckley and Latta

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution; imposing term limits upon the offices of
3 state senator and state representative.

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5 *BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING,*
6 *two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting*
7 *separately, concurring therein:*

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9 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
10 Constitution, Article 3, Section 2 is proposed for
11 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the
12 next general election for approval or rejection to become
13 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a
14 majority of the electors at the election:

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16 **Article 3, Section 2. Members' terms and**
17 **qualifications.**

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2 (a) Senators shall be elected for the term of four
3 (4) years and representatives for the term of two (2)
4 years. The senators elected at the first election shall be
5 divided by lot into two classes as nearly equal as may be.
6 The seats of senators of the first class shall be vacated
7 at the expiration of the first two years, and of the second
8 class at the expiration of four years. No person shall be a
9 senator who has not attained the age of twenty-five years,
10 or a representative who has not attained the age of twenty-
11 one years, and who is not a citizen of the United States
12 and of this state and who has not, for at least twelve
13 months next preceding his election resided within the
14 county or district in which he was elected.

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16 (b) No person shall be a senator or representative if
17 the person by the end of the current term of office will
18 have served, or but for resignation, would have served
19 twelve (12) or more years in any twenty-four (24) year
20 period in that same office, except that any time served as
21 a senator or representative prior to January 3, 2007, shall
22 not be counted for purposes of this term limit.

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1 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State shall endorse
2 the following statement on the proposed amendment:

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4 The adoption of this amendment will impose term limits
5 for the state senate and state house of representatives.
6 If a person will have served, or but for resignation would
7 have served, twelve (12) or more years in any twenty-four
8 (24) year period in the same office, he would not be
9 eligible to be elected or appointed to that office.
10 Election or appointment to any other office, including the
11 other house of the state legislature, would not be counted
12 for determining term limits. Time in any office before
13 January 3, 2007, including the office sought, would not be
14 counted for determining term limits.

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