



## 1995 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 54

September 6, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives KAUFERT, ZIEGELBAUER, HANDRICK, LAZICH, GREEN, F. LASEE, GOETSCH, OLSEN, LADWIG, DOBYNS, GROTHMAN, ALBERS, WASSERMAN, KREIBICH, SERATTI, KELSO, RYBA and HARSDORF, cosponsored by Senators ZIEN and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law.

1       **To renumber** section 2 of article V; **to renumber and amend** section 6 of article IV;  
2           and **to create** section 6 (2) of article IV and section 2 (2) of article V of the  
3       constitution; **relating to:** limiting the number of consecutive terms permitted  
4       for the governor and members of the state legislature (first consideration).

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 1995 legislature on first consideration, limits the governor and members of the state legislature to not more than 12 years of consecutive service in the same office. Time served in an initial partial term in the same office, or time served in a different office, is not counted as part of the 12-year limit. Terms are considered consecutive unless they are more than 2 years apart.

As a constitutional amendment, the proposal requires adoption by 2 successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

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5           **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:**  
6           **SECTION 1.** Section 6 of article IV of the constitution is renumbered section 6  
7       (1) of article IV and amended to read:  
8           [Article IV] Section 6 (1) No person shall be eligible to the legislature who shall  
9       not have resided one year within the state, and be a qualified elector in the district  
10       which he the person may be chosen to represent.  
11           **SECTION 2.** Section 6 (2) of article IV of the constitution is created to read:

1 [Article IV] Section 6 (2) Beginning with the terms commencing after 1998, a  
2 person may not serve more than 3 consecutive 4-year terms as a senator or more  
3 than 6 consecutive 2-year terms as a representative to the assembly. Time served  
4 during an initial partial term in the same house, or time served in the other house,  
5 shall not be counted as part of the 12-year limits. Terms are consecutive unless they  
6 are more than 2 years apart.

7 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of article V of the constitution is renumbered section 2 (1)  
8 of article V.

9 **SECTION 4.** Section 2 (2) of article V of the constitution is created to read:

10 [Article V] Section 2 (2) Beginning with the term commencing after 1998, a  
11 person may not serve more than 3 consecutive 4-year terms as governor. Time  
12 served during an initial partial term in the same state office, or time served in a  
13 different state office, shall not be counted as part of the 12-year limit. Terms are  
14 consecutive unless they are more than 2 years apart.

15 **SECTION 5. Numbering of new provisions.** (1) ARTICLE IV. The new  
16 subsection (2) of section 6 of article IV of the constitution created in this joint  
17 resolution shall be designated by the next higher open whole subsection number in  
18 that section if, prior to or simultaneously with the ratification by the people of the  
19 amendment proposed in this joint resolution, any other ratified amendment has  
20 created a subsection (2) of section 6 of article IV of the constitution of this state. If  
21 several joint resolutions simultaneously create a subsection (2) of section 6 of article  
22 IV, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the sequence and the  
23 numbering.

24 (2) ARTICLE V. The new subsection (2) of section 2 of article V of the constitution  
25 created in this joint resolution shall be designated by the next higher open whole

1 subsection number in that section if, prior to or simultaneously with the ratification  
2 by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, any other ratified  
3 amendment has created a subsection (2) of section 2 of article V of the constitution  
4 of this state. If several joint resolutions simultaneously create a subsection (2) of  
5 section 2 of article V, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the  
6 sequence and the numbering.

7 ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the  
8 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3  
9 months previous to the time of holding such election.

10 (END)