2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

January 23, 2003 – Introduced by Senators JAUCH and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives STASKUNAS and BOYLE. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy.

1   ***To renumber*** section 2 of article V; and ***to create*** section 2 (2) of article V of the

2   constitution; **relating to:** limiting the number of terms permitted for governors

3   (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, there is no limit upon the number of terms in which a person may serve as governor.

This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2003 legislature on first consideration, prohibits any person from serving as governor for more than 2 terms. Under the proposal, service for at least 2 years in a partial term is subject to the limitation. Service for less than 2 years in a partial term is not subject to the limitation. The proposal initially applies to the first term that commences after ratification of this provision.

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

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4   ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:***

5   SECTION 1. Section 2 of article V of the constitution is renumbered section 2 (1)

6   of article V.

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

1   [Article V] Section 2 (2)   Beginning with the first term commencing after

2   ratification of this subsection, a person may not serve more than 2 terms as governor.

3   Time served during an initial partial term of less than 2 years shall not be counted

4   as part of the limit.

5   **SECTION 3. Numbering of new provision.** The new subsection (2) of section

6   2 of article V of the constitution created in this joint resolution shall be designated

7   by the next higher open whole subsection number in that section in that article if,

8   before the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint

9   resolution, any other ratified amendment has created a subsection (2) of section 2 of

10   article V of the constitution of this state. If one or more joint resolutions create a

11   subsection (2) of section 2 of article V simultaneously with the ratification by the

12   people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, the subsections created

13   shall be numbered and placed in a sequence so that the subsections created by the

14   joint resolution having the lowest enrolled joint resolution number have the numbers

15   designated in that joint resolution and the subsections created by the other joint

16   resolutions have numbers that are in the same ascending order as are the numbers

17   of the enrolled joint resolutions creating the subsections.

18   ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the

19   legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3

20   months previous to the time of holding such election.

21   **(END)**