



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 136

March 15, 2012 – Introduced by Representative RIVARD. Referred to Committee on Homeland Security and State Affairs.

1     **To consolidate, renumber and amend** section 6 of article IV; and **to create** section  
2             6 (2) of article IV of the constitution; **relating to:** limiting the number of years  
3             of service permitted for members of the state legislature (first consideration).

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2011 legislature on first consideration, limits members of the legislature to not more than eight years of service in the legislature. The limitation begins with service after the first Monday in January of 2015, so current members of the legislature, if reelected, may continue to serve until the first Monday in 2023. The eight-year limitation does not include up to one year of service by a person who is elected to fill a partial term.

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

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

5             **SECTION 1.** Section 6 of article IV of the constitution is renumbered section 6  
6             (1) of article IV and amended to read:

1 [Article IV] Section 6 (1) No person shall be eligible to the legislature who shall  
2 not have resided one year within the state, and be a qualified elector in the district  
3 which ~~he~~ the person may be chosen to represent.

4 **SECTION 2.** Section 6 (2) of article IV of the constitution is created to read:

5 [Article IV] Section 6 (2) Beginning on the first Monday in January of 2023, no  
6 person may serve more than 8 years as a member of the state legislature, except for  
7 a person who has been elected to serve less than one year of a partial term, who may  
8 serve up to 9 years.

9 **SECTION 3. Numbering of new provisions.** If another constitutional  
10 amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this  
11 joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the  
12 sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

13 ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the  
14 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for three  
15 months previous to the time of holding such election.

16 (END)