

1999 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

June 24, 1999 – Introduced by Senators BAUMGART, BURKE and JAUCH, cosponsored by Representatives BOCK, HANDRICK, MEYER, ZIEGELBAUER, SINICKI, STASKUNAS, BLACK, WASSERMAN, BERCEAU, KREUSER, PLOUFF and RICHARDS. Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations.

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 consecutive terms permitted
3 for governors (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 1999 legislature on first consideration, prohibits any person from serving as governor for more than two consecutive terms. Under the proposal, service for at least two years in a partial term is subject to the limitation. Service for less than two years in a partial term is not subject to the limitation. The proposal initially applies to the term that begins in 2003.

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

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 term commencing in 2003, a person
2 may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms as governor. Time served during an
3 initial partial term of less than 2 years shall not be counted as part of the limit.

4 **SECTION 3. Numbering of new provision** The new subsection (2) of section
5 2 of article V of the constitution created in this joint resolution shall be designated
6 by the next higher open whole subsection number in that section in that article if,
7 before the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint
8 resolution, any other ratified amendment has created a subsection (2) of section 2 of
9 article V of the constitution of this state. If one or more joint resolutions create a
10 subsection (2) of section 2 of article V simultaneously with the ratification by the
11 people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, the subsections created
12 shall be numbered and placed in a sequence so that the subsections created by the
13 joint resolution having the lowest enrolled joint resolution number have the numbers
14 designated in that joint resolution and the subsections created by the other joint
15 resolutions have numbers that are in the same ascending order as are the numbers
16 of the enrolled joint resolutions creating the subsections.

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

20 (END)