

## 2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 41

March 1, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives MEYERHOFER, BOCK, RICHARDS, SCHOOFF, BALOW, STASKUNAS, MILLER, WASSERMAN, RYBA, F. LASEE and BERCEAU, cosponsored by Senators JAUCH, BURKE and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

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).

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### *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 2001 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 subsection.

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 assembly, the senate 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)