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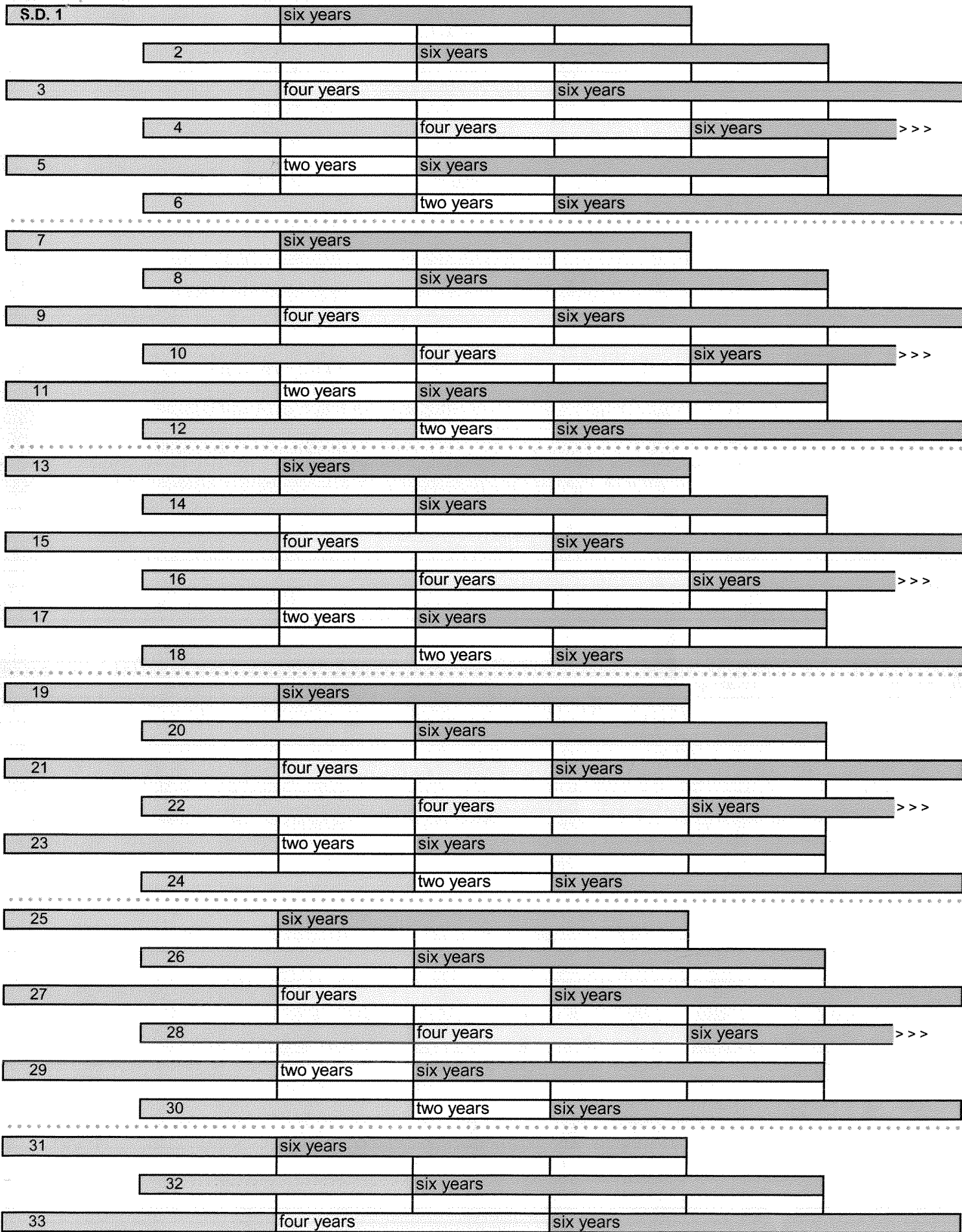
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# 2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 **Relating to:** terms of office for members of the senate and assembly (first  
2 consideration)

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

### EXPLANATION OF PROPOSAL

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Presently, the constitution provides that representatives to the assembly are elected to two-year terms and state senators are elected to staggered four-year terms. This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2007 legislature on first consideration, provides that representatives to the assembly are elected to staggered four-year terms and senators are elected to staggered six-year terms. The changes to the length of terms first apply to the terms for which the election in November 2010 is held.

The proposal sets the number of members of the assembly at 99 and the number of members of the senate at 33, which are the current memberships. Currently, the constitution sets the permitted range of the number of seats, not the specific number.

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

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

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 2 of article IV of the constitution is amended to read:

1 [Article IV] Section 2. The number of the members of the assembly shall never  
2 be less than ~~fifty-four~~ nor more than one hundred ~~99~~. The number of members of  
3 the senate shall consist of a number not more than one-third nor less than  
4 one-fourth of the number of the members of the assembly be 33.

5 **SECTION 2.** Section 4 of article IV of the constitution is amended to read:

6 [Article IV] Section 4. The members of the assembly shall be ~~chosen biennially,~~  
7 ~~by single~~ elected from single-member districts, ~~on the Tuesday succeeding the first~~  
8 ~~Monday of November in even-numbered years.~~ The assembly districts shall be  
9 numbered in the regular series, and the representatives shall be chosen on a partisan  
10 ballot in each even-numbered year at the general election, alternately from the  
11 odd-numbered and even-numbered districts, for the term of ~~four~~<sup>4</sup> years, by the  
12 qualified electors of the several districts, such districts to be bounded by county,  
13 precinct, town, or ward lines, to consist of contiguous territory and be in as compact  
14 form as practicable.

15 **SECTION 3.** Section 5 of article IV of the constitution is amended to read:

16 [Article IV] Section 5. The senators shall be elected ~~by single~~ from  
17 single-member districts composed of convenient, contiguous territory, ~~at the same~~  
18 ~~time and in the same manner as members of the assembly are required to be chosen;~~  
19 ~~and no assembly district shall be divided in the formation of a senate district~~ whole  
20 assembly districts. The senate districts shall be numbered in the regular series, and  
21 one-third of the senators shall be chosen ~~alternately from the odd and~~  
22 ~~even-numbered districts~~ on a partisan ballot in each even-numbered year at the  
23 general election, alternately in ~~three~~<sup>3</sup> classes each consisting of one-third of the  
24 senators for the term of ~~4~~<sup>6</sup> ~~six~~ years.

25 **SECTION 4.** Section 26 (2) (b) of article IV of the constitution is amended to read:

1 [Article IV] Section 26 (2) (b) Any increase in the compensation of members of  
2 the legislature shall take effect, for all senators and representatives to the assembly,  
3 after the next general election beginning with the new assembly term biennial  
4 session of the legislature.

5 **SECTION 5.** Section 17 of article XIV of the constitution is created to read:

6 [Article XIV] Section 17 (1) The changes to sections 2, 4, 5, and 26 (2) (b) of  
7 article IV made by this amendment to the constitution lengthening the terms of  
8 legislators first apply to the November 2010 general election and to the term of office  
9 of the members elected at that election.

10 (2) Notwithstanding section 5 of article IV, the term of a senator elected at the  
11 November 2010 <sup>general election</sup> to senate district 3, 9, 15, 21, 27, or 33 shall be for <sup>4</sup> four years.

12 (3) Notwithstanding section 5 of article IV, the term of a senator elected at the  
13 November 2012 <sup>general election</sup> to senate district 4, 10, 16, 22, or 28 shall be for <sup>4</sup> four years.

14 (4) Notwithstanding section 5 of article IV, the term of a senator elected at the  
15 November 2010 <sup>general election</sup> to senate district 5, 11, 17, 23, or 29 shall be for <sup>2</sup> two years.

16 (5) Notwithstanding section 5 of article IV, the term of a senator elected at the  
17 November 2012 <sup>general election</sup> to senate district 6, 12, 18, 24, or 30 shall be for <sup>2</sup> two years.

18 (6) Notwithstanding section 4 of article IV, the term of a representative elected  
19 at the November 2010 general election to an even-numbered district shall be for <sup>2</sup> two  
20 years.

21 **SECTION 6. Numbering of new provision.**

22 (1) The new section 17 of article XIV of the constitution created in this joint  
23 resolution shall be designated by the next higher open whole section number in that  
24 article if, before the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint  
25 resolution, any other ratified amendment has created a section 17 of article XIV of

1 the constitution of this state. If one or more joint resolutions create a section 17 of  
2 article XIV simultaneously with the ratification by the people of the amendment  
3 proposed in this joint resolution, the sections created shall be numbered and placed  
4 in a sequence so that the sections created by the joint resolution having the lowest  
5 enrolled joint resolution number have the numbers designated in that joint  
6 resolution and the sections created by the other joint resolutions have numbers that  
7 are in the same ascending order as are the numbers of the enrolled joint resolutions  
8 creating the sections.

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

12 (END)

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