

JAN 23 2015

A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 4, OF THE HAWAII
CONSTITUTION, TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS UPON SENATORS AND
REPRESENTATIVES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to propose an
2 amendment to article III, section 4, of the Constitution of the
3 State of Hawaii to limit state senators to three consecutive
4 four-year terms and state representatives to six consecutive
5 two-year terms.

6 SECTION 2. Article III, section 4, of the Constitution of
7 the State of Hawaii, is amended to read as follows:

8 **"ELECTION OF MEMBERS; TERM**

9 **Section 4.** (a) Each member of the legislature shall be elected
10 at an election. If more than one candidate has been nominated
11 for election to a seat in the legislature, the member occupying
12 that seat shall be elected at a general election. If a candidate
13 nominated for a seat at a primary election is unopposed for that
14 seat at the general election, the candidate shall be deemed
15 elected at the primary election.

16 (b) The term of office of a member of the house of
17 representatives shall be two years ~~[and the]~~, provided that



1 beginning with terms commencing on the day of the general
2 election of 2016, no member shall serve for more than six
3 consecutive two-year terms.

4 (c) The term of office of a member of the senate shall be four
5 years[-], provided that beginning with terms commencing on the
6 day of the general election of 2016, no member shall serve for
7 more than three consecutive terms.

8 (d) For purposes of computing the term limits in this section,
9 the following shall be considered to have served a full term of
10 office:

11 (1) Any member of the senate whose term does not
12 expire at the 2016 general election but who has two
13 years remaining in the current term of office; and

14 (2) Any person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy
15 in the legislature and who serves at least one-half of
16 a term of office.

17 The term of a member of the legislature shall begin on the day
18 of the general election at which elected or if elected at a
19 primary election, on the day of the general election immediately
20 following the primary election at which elected. For a member of
21 the house of representatives the terms shall end on the day of
22 the general election immediately following the day the member's



term commences. For a member of the senate, the term shall end on the day of the second general election immediately following the day the member's term commences."

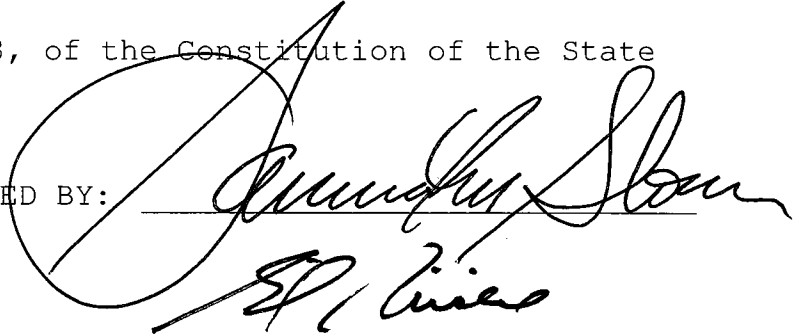

SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall be as follows:

"Shall state senators be limited to serving three consecutive four-year terms and shall state representatives be limited to serving six consecutive two-year terms, beginning with terms commencing on the day of the general election of 2016?"

SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

INTRODUCED BY:



S.B. NO. 927

Report Title:

Term Limits

Description:

Limits state senators to 3 consecutive 4-year terms and state representatives to 6 consecutive 2-year terms beginning with terms commencing on the day of the general election of 2016.

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