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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 4, OF THE HAWAII  
STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH LEGISLATIVE TERM LIMITS.

**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 the terms of members of the legislature  
4 to a maximum of twelve consecutive years in the house of  
5 representatives and twelve consecutive years in the senate.

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.** 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  
13 candidate nominated for a seat at a primary election is  
14 unopposed for that seat at the general election, the candidate  
15 shall be deemed elected at the primary election. The term of  
16 office of a member of the house of representatives shall be two



1 years and the term of office of a member of the senate shall be  
2 four years[-]; provided that the terms for members elected at  
3 the general election of 2020 and thereafter, no member of the  
4 legislature shall serve for more than twelve consecutive years  
5 in the house of representatives or twelve consecutive years in  
6 the senate; provided further that if the member reaches the  
7 twelve-year limit in the house of representatives or the senate,  
8 that member may serve additional terms in office after a hiatus  
9 of at least one term of office in the house of representatives  
10 or the senate, as applicable. The term of a member of the  
11 legislature shall begin on the day of the general election at  
12 which elected or if elected at a primary election, on the day of  
13 the general election immediately following the primary election  
14 at which elected. For a member of the house of representatives,  
15 the term shall end on the day of the general election  
16 immediately following the day the member's term commences. For  
17 a member of the senate, the term shall end on the day of the  
18 second general election immediately following the day the  
19 member's term commences."

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



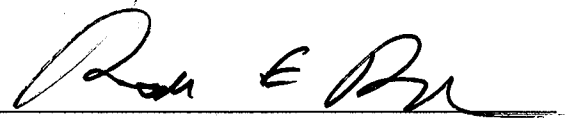


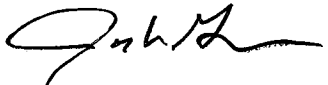
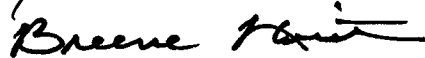
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1 "Shall the terms of members of the legislature who are  
2 elected at the general election of 2020 and thereafter be  
3 limited to serving a maximum of twelve consecutive years in  
4 the house of representatives or twelve consecutive years in  
5 the senate?"

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

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

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INTRODUCED BY:



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**Report Title:**

Legislative Term Limits; Constitutional Amendment

**Description:**

Proposes a constitutional amendment to limit the terms of members of the legislature to a maximum of twelve consecutive years in the house of representatives or twelve consecutive years in the senate, for members who are elected at the general election of 2020 and thereafter.

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