- 1 SB120
- 2 164556-2
- 3 By Senators Pittman, Orr, Brewbaker, Stutts, Williams,
- 4 Bussman, Chambliss, Shelnutt and Hightower (Constitutional
- 5 Amendment)
- 6 RFD: Constitution, Ethics and Elections
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164556-2:n:12/16/2015:JMH/tj LRS2015-501R1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose an amendment to the 9 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, that would provide 10 that no person may be elected to either house of the Legislature for more than three full 11 12 consecutive terms. The amendment would provide that 13 an election to either the Senate or the House of 14 Representatives for at least two years would be 15 equivalent to the election for a full term in that 16 respective body. The amendment would provide that 17 service in the Senate and service in the House of 18 Representatives prior to November 2016 would not 19 disqualify, in whole or in part, a person from 20 service in that respective body following that 21 date. 22 23 A BILL 24 TO BE ENTITLED 25 AN ACT 26

1 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of 2 Alabama of 1901, to provide that (1) no person may be elected to the Senate for more than three consecutive terms of office 3 4 in the Senate and no person may be elected to the House of Representatives for more than three consecutive full terms in 5 the House of Representatives, (2) an election to the Senate 6 7 and an election to the House of Representatives for at least two years would be equivalent to the election of a person for 8 a full term in the respective body, and (3) service in the 9 10 Senate and service in the House of Representatives prior to 11 November 2016 would not disqualify, in whole or in part, a 12 person from service in the respective body following such 13 date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

15 Section 1. The following amendment to the 16 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and 17 shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a 18 majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in 19 accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution 20 of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

No person may be elected to the Alabama Senate for more than three full consecutive terms. No person may be elected to the Alabama House of Representatives for more than three full consecutive terms. An election to either the Senate or the House of Representatives for at least two years shall be equivalent to the election of a person for a full term in the respective body. Notwithstanding the foregoing, service in the Senate prior to November 2016 shall not disqualify, in whole or in part, a person from service in the Senate following that date, and service in the House of Representatives prior to November 2016 shall not disqualify, in whole or in part, a person from service in the House of Representatives following that date.

8 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment 9 shall be held in accordance with the provisions of Sections 10 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now 11 appearing as Sections 284 and 285 of the Official 12 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama, 1901, as 13 amended, and in accordance with the election laws of this 14 state.

15 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall 16 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional 17 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the 18 following description of the substance or subject matter of 19 the proposed constitutional amendment:

20 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of 21 Alabama of 1901, to provide that no person may be elected to 22 the Senate of Alabama for more than three consecutive terms 23 and no person may be elected to the Alabama House of 24 Representatives for more than three consecutive terms.

This description shall be followed by the following language:

"Proposed by Act ."

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"Yes () No ()."