

1 SB53
2 181362-1
3 By Senators Pittman, Orr, Shelnuttt, Chambliss, Brewbaker,
4 Albritton, Allen, Glover, Marsh, Reed, Stutts, Waggoner,
5 Hightower and Bussman (Constitutional Amendment)
6 RFD: Constitution, Ethics and Elections
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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
11 the Legislature for more than three full
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 2017 would not
19 disqualify, in whole or in part, a person from
20 service in that respective body following that
21 date.

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23 A BILL
24 TO BE ENTITLED
25 AN ACT
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1 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of
2 Alabama of 1901, to provide that (1) no person may be elected
3 to the Senate for more than three consecutive terms of office
4 in the Senate and no person may be elected to the House of
5 Representatives for more than three consecutive full terms in
6 the House of Representatives, (2) an election to the Senate
7 and an election to the House of Representatives for at least
8 two years would be equivalent to the election of a person for
9 a full term in the respective body, and (3) service in the
10 Senate and service in the House of Representatives prior to
11 November 2017 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:

21 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

22 No person may be elected to the Alabama Senate for
23 more than three full consecutive terms. No person may be
24 elected to the Alabama House of Representatives for more than
25 three full consecutive terms. An election to either the Senate
26 or the House of Representatives for at least two years shall
27 be equivalent to the election of a person for a full term in

1 the respective body. Notwithstanding the foregoing, service in
2 the Senate prior to November 2017 shall not disqualify, in
3 whole or in part, a person from service in the Senate
4 following that date, and service in the House of
5 Representatives prior to November 2017 shall not disqualify,
6 in whole or in part, a person from service in the House of
7 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.

25 "Proposed by Act _____."

26 This description shall be followed by the following
27 language:

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"Yes () No ()."