

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY SCOTT

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE III, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
2 THE STATE OF IDAHO, RELATING TO TERMS OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE LEG-
3 ISLATURE TO INCREASE THE TERM OF OFFICE OF A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE
4 FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS, TO PROVIDE A LIMITATION UPON SERVICE FOR A MEM-
5 BER OF THE SENATE OR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THREE TERMS IN
6 THAT OFFICE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION FOR WHO SUCCEEDS TO AN OFFICE OR IS
7 APPOINTED TO OR ELECTED TO FILL A VACANCY IN OFFICE AND TO PROVIDE APPLI-
8 CATION TO REPRESENTATIVE SEATS; STATING THE QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO
9 THE ELECTORATE; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO PREPARE THE STATE-
10 MENTS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PUBLISH
11 THE AMENDMENT AND ARGUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW.
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13 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

14 SECTION 1. That Section 3, Article III, of the Constitution of the
15 State of Idaho be amended to read as follows:

16 Section 3. TERM OF OFFICE. The senators and representatives
17 shall be elected for the term of ~~two~~ four years, from and after the
18 first day of December next following the general election. No sena-
19 tor or representative shall serve more than three terms in such of-
20 office. This limitation on the number of terms in office shall be ap-
21 plied to any term beginning on or after December 1, 2018. Any person
22 who succeeds to an office or is appointed or elected to fill a va-
23 cancy in an office and who serves at least one-half of a term shall
24 be considered to have served a term in that office for the purposes
25 of this section. Such office for representatives shall include the
26 seat the representative is serving in but not the other seat in that
27 district.

28 SECTION 2. The question to be submitted to the electors of the State of
29 Idaho at the next general election shall be as follows:

30 "Shall Section 3, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho
31 be amended to increase the term of office of a member of the legislature from
32 two to four years, to provide a limitation upon service for a member of the
33 senate or the house of representatives to three terms in that office, to pro-
34 vide application for who succeeds to an office or is appointed to or elected
35 to fill a vacancy in office and to provide application to representative
36 seats?"

37 SECTION 3. The Legislative Council is directed to prepare the state-
38 ments required by Section 67-453, Idaho Code, and file the same.

39 SECTION 4. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to publish this
40 proposed constitutional amendment and arguments as required by law.