



# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 2

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

**Citations Affected:** Article 4, Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

**Synopsis:** Legislative term limits. Provides that an individual may not serve more than 12 years as a state senator. Provides that an individual may not serve more than eight years as a state representative. Provides that the time an individual has served as a Senator: (1) before November 5, 2024, if the individual is elected a senator on November 5, 2024; or (2) before November 3, 2026, if the individual is elected a senator on November 8, 2022; may not be considered in determining whether the term limitation applies to the individual. Provides that the time an individual has served as a representative before November 5, 2024, may not be considered in determining whether the term limitation applies to the individual. Provides that Article 2, Section 11 of the Indiana Constitution also applies when determining whether the term limitations apply to an individual. (Article 2, Section 11 of the Indiana Constitution provides: "In all cases in which it is provided, that an office shall not be filled by the same person more than a certain number of years continuously, an appointment pro tempore shall not be reckoned a part of that term.")

**Effective:** This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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January 14, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 4, Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning the general assembly.

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
- 2 State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred
- 3 Twenty-First General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred
- 4 to the next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.
- 5 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 4, SECTION 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION
- 6 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 7 FOLLOWS: Section 3. **(a)** Senators shall be elected for the term of four
- 8 years, and Representatives for the term of two years, from the day next
- 9 after their general election.
- 10 **(b)** One half of the Senators, as nearly as possible, shall be elected
- 11 biennially.
- 12 **(c) After November 5, 2024, an individual may not serve as a**



- 1       **Senator more than twelve years. This limitation is subject to the**  
2       **following:**
- 3               **(1) If the individual is elected as a Senator on November 8,**  
4               **2022, the number of years that the individual serves as a**  
5               **Senator before November 3, 2026, may not be considered in**  
6               **determining whether the limitations of this subsection apply**  
7               **to the individual.**
- 8               **(2) If the individual is elected as a Senator on November 5,**  
9               **2024, or after, the number of years that the individual serves**  
10              **as a Senator before November 5, 2024, may not be considered**  
11              **in determining whether the limitations of this subsection**  
12              **apply to the individual.**
- 13              **(d) After November 5, 2024, an individual may not serve as a**  
14              **Representative more than eight years. The number of years that an**  
15              **individual serves as a Representative before November 5, 2024,**  
16              **may not be considered in determining whether the limitations of**  
17              **this subsection apply to the individual.**
- 18              **(e) Article 2, Section 11 of this Constitution also applies when**  
19              **determining whether the limitations of this section apply to an**  
20              **individual.**

