House Concurrent Resolution No. 5006

By Representatives Peck, Bradford, Carpenter, Claevs, Hawkins, Hibbard, Houser, Kelly, Osterman and Rothlisberg

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A PROPOSITION to amend section 2 of article 2 of the constitution of the state of Kansas; relating to senators and representatives.

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Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate concurring therein:

- Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 2 of article 2 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - "§ 2. Senators and representatives. (a) The number of representatives and senators shall be regulated by law, but shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five 125 representatives and forty 40 senators. Representatives and senators shall be elected from singlemember districts prescribed by law. Representatives shall be elected for two-year terms. Senators shall be elected for four-year terms. The terms of representatives and senators shall commence on the second Monday of January of the year following election.
 - (b) (1) From and after January 9, 2017, no individual shall be elected as a representative for more than six consecutive two-vear terms
 - (2) From and after January 9, 2017, no individual shall be elected as a senator for more than three consecutive four-year terms
 - (3) For the purpose of computing the time period under either paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection, no time spent serving as either a representative or senator prior to January 9, 2017, shall be counted."
- The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:
 - "Explanatory statement. This amendment would limit an individual's service as a state representative to six consecutive two-year terms starting on January 9, 2017. This amendment would limit an individual's service as a
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 state senator to three consecutive four-year terms starting on January 9, 2017. Any terms of service occurring prior to January 9, 2017, and any nonconsecutive terms, would not be subject to this limitation.

- "A vote for this proposition would limit the service of an individual as a state representative to six consecutive two-year terms starting on January 9, 2017, and also limit the service of an individual as a state senator to three consecutive four-year terms starting on January 9, 2017.
- "A vote against this proposition would retain the current constitutional provisions which impose no limitations on the number of terms an individual may serve as a representative or as a senator."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2014 unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case it shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.