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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 17 of article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to term limits for statewide offices.

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*Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:*

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on  
2 Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2020, or at a special  
3 election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted  
4 to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following  
5 amendment to article IV of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 17, article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and  
2 one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 17, to read as  
3 follows:

Section 17. 1. The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state  
2 treasurer and attorney general shall be elected at the presidential elections for  
3 terms of four years each. The state auditor shall be elected for a term of two  
4 years at the general election in the year 1948, and his successors shall be elected  
5 for terms of four years.

6 2. No person shall be elected governor, **lieutenant governor, secretary**  
7 **of state, attorney general, auditor,** or treasurer more than twice, and no  
8 person who has held the office of governor, **lieutenant governor, secretary of**  
9 **state, attorney general, auditor,** or treasurer, or acted as governor,  
10 **lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, auditor,** or  
11 treasurer, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was  
12 elected to the office of governor, **lieutenant governor, secretary of state,**

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

13 **attorney general, auditor, or treasurer shall be elected to [the] such office [of**  
14 **governor or treasurer] more than once. The term limitations for the offices**  
15 **of lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general shall**  
16 **apply to candidates prospectively beginning with the offices filled by**  
17 **the general election in the year 2020, and shall apply prospectively to**  
18 **candidates for the office of auditor beginning with the general election**  
19 **held to fill such office in the year 2022.**

20 3. The heads of all the executive departments shall be appointed by the  
21 governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate. All appointive  
22 officers may be removed by the governor and shall possess the qualifications  
23 required by this constitution or by law.

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116 and other applicable constitutional  
2 provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot  
3 language for the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the  
4 official summary statement of this legislation shall be as follows:

5 "Shall the Constitution of Missouri be amended to impose a prospective  
6 term limit of two terms in office for persons seeking the office of lieutenant  
7 governor, secretary of state, state auditor, or attorney general such that all  
8 statewide offices shall have identical term limits beginning with the next general  
9 election to fill such offices?".

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