

# State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2012

158T0744

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1008

Introduced by: Representatives Feinstein and Deelstra and Senators Frerichs and Cutler

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the electors at the next general election  
2 an amendment to Article III, section 6 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota,  
3 relating to four-year legislative terms and term limits.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF SOUTH  
5 DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 Section 1. That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendment to  
7 Article III, section 6 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in section 2  
8 of this Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the electors of the state  
9 for approval.

10 Section 2. That Article III, section 6 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 § 6. The terms of office of the members of the Legislature shall be ~~two years;~~ they four years  
13 for each term of office beginning in a year that ends in a three or a seven and two years for each  
14 term of office beginning in a year that ends in a one. Legislators shall receive for their services  
15 the salary fixed by law under the provisions of § 2 of article XXI of this Constitution, and five



1 cents for every mile of necessary travel in going to and returning from the place of meeting of  
2 the Legislature on the most usual route.

3 No person may serve more than ~~four~~ three consecutive terms or a total of ~~eight~~ ten  
4 consecutive years in the senate ~~and, whichever is longer. No person may serve more than four~~  
5 three consecutive terms or a total of ~~eight~~ ten consecutive years in the house of representatives,  
6 whichever is longer. However, this restriction does not apply to partial terms to which a  
7 legislator may be appointed.

8 A regular session of the Legislature shall be held each year and shall not exceed forty  
9 legislative days, excluding Sundays, holidays and legislative recess, except in cases of  
10 impeachment, and members of the Legislature shall receive no other pay or perquisites except  
11 salary and mileage.