

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 72

By Campfield

A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article II of the Constitution of Tennessee to limit the number of terms members of the general assembly may serve.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that the Constitution of Tennessee be amended as follows:

By adding the following language immediately after the existing language of Article II, Section 3:

No person elected to the office of representative shall serve more than twelve (12) consecutive years in the house of representatives. No person elected to the office of senator shall serve more than twelve (12) consecutive years in the senate. Service in one (1) house shall not count towards the limitation upon service in the other house.

For the purpose of calculating the twelve-year limitation, the beginning date shall be the date of the November general election in 2016.

The time served by any person elected or appointed to serve less than a full term to fill a vacancy shall not be included in the limitation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing be referred to the One Hundred Eighth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published by the Secretary of State in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Senate is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State.