



1 until their successors are elected and qualified.

2 Commencing with the election held in 2024, the representatives and senators in the  
3 general assembly shall serve for not more than five (5) consecutive two (2) year terms.

4 Recall is authorized in the case of a general officer who has been indicted or informed  
5 against for a felony, convicted of a misdemeanor, or against whom a finding of probable cause of  
6 violation of the code of ethics has been made by the ethics commission. Recall shall not, however  
7 be instituted at any time during the first six (6) months or the last year of an individual's term of  
8 office. Such a recall may be instituted by filing with the state board of elections an application for  
9 issuance of a recall petition against said general officer which is signed by duly qualified electors  
10 equal to three percent (3%) of the total number of votes cast at the last preceding general election  
11 for that office. If, upon verification, the application is determined to contain signatures of the  
12 required number of electors, the state board of elections shall issue a recall petition for circulation  
13 amongst the electors of the state. Within ninety (90) days of issuance, recall petitions containing  
14 the signatures of duly qualified electors constituting fifteen percent (15%) of the total number of  
15 votes cast in the last preceding general election for said office must be filed with the state board  
16 of elections. The signatures to the application and to the recall petition need not all be on one (1)  
17 sheet of paper, but each such application and petition must contain an identical statement naming  
18 the person to be recalled, the general office held by said person, and the grounds for such recall  
19 set forth in a statement of one hundred (100) words or less approved by the board of elections.  
20 Each signatory must set forth his or her signature as it appears on the voting list, the date of  
21 signing, and his or her place of residence. The person witnessing the signatures of each elector on  
22 said petition must sign a statement under oath on said sheet attesting that the signatures thereon  
23 are genuine and were signed in his or her presence. If the requisite number of signatures are not  
24 obtained within said ninety (90) days period, the recall effort shall terminate. Upon verification of  
25 the requisite number of signatures, a special election shall be scheduled at which the issue of  
26 removing said office holder and the grounds therefor shall be placed before the electors of the  
27 state. If a majority of those voting support removal of said office holder, the office shall be  
28 immediately declared vacant and shall be filled in accordance with the constitution and laws of  
29 the state. The person so removed shall not be eligible to fill the unexpired portion of the term of  
30 office. The general assembly shall provide by statute for implementation of the recall process.

31 RESOLVED, That the said proposition of amendment shall be submitted to the electors  
32 for their approval or rejection at the next statewide general election. The voting places in the  
33 several cities and towns shall be kept open during the hours required by law for voting therein for  
34 general officers of the state; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause the said proposition of amendment to  
2 be published as a part of this resolution in the newspapers of the state prior to the date of the said  
3 meetings of the said electors; and said proposition shall be inserted in the warrants or notices to  
4 be issued previous to said meetings of the electors for the purpose of warning the town, ward, or  
5 district meetings, and said proposition shall be read by the town, city, ward, or district meetings to  
6 be held as aforesaid; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That the town, city, ward, and district meetings to be held aforesaid shall  
8 be warned, and the list of voters shall be canvassed and made up, and the said town, ward, and  
9 district meetings shall be conducted in the same manner as now provided by law for the town,  
10 city, ward, and district meetings for the election of general officers of the state.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF

J O I N T R E S O L U T I O N

TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF  
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE - FOUR YEAR TERMS AND  
TERM LIMITS FOR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS

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- 1           This joint resolution would submit a constitutional amendment to the voters at the next
- 2 election scheduled for November, 2022 to limit the terms of senators and representatives to five
- 3 (5) consecutive two (2) year terms commencing with the election of November, 2024.

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