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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Introduced by: Senators Van Gerpen, Adelstein, Begalka, Kirkeby, Lederman, Otten (Ernie),
and Vehle and Representatives Nelson, Bolin, Schoenfish, and Verchio

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 concerning term limits for legislators.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE
5 OF REPRESENTATIVES 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~~
13 Legislators shall receive for their services the salary fixed by law under the provisions of § 2 of
14 article XXI of this Constitution, and five cents for every mile of necessary travel in going to and
15 returning from the place of meeting of the Legislature on the most usual route.



1 No person may serve more than four consecutive terms or a total of eight consecutive years
2 in the senate and more than four consecutive terms or a total of eight consecutive years in the
3 house of representatives. No person may serve more than sixteen consecutive years in the
4 Legislature. However, this restriction does not apply to partial terms to which a legislator may
5 be appointed.

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