

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5119

AS OF JANUARY 31, 1991

Brief Description: Setting a twelve-year limit on state office and legislative membership.

SPONSORS: Senators Metcalf, Erwin, Thorsness, Barr, Bailey, Amondson, Oke, Cantu and Saling.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Staff: Martin Lovinger (786-7443)

Hearing Dates: February 7, 1991

BACKGROUND:

Active efforts to curb what is perceived as entrenched incumbency by public office holders are receiving considerable attention and support around the United States. Presently the state of Washington has no limitations on the number of terms that can be served by elected officials.

SUMMARY:

No person can be elected or appointed to any state elective office in which that person has served previously a total of 12 years. No person can be elected to a house of the Legislature in which that person has served previously a total of 12 years.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested