

**SENATE BILL 5119**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senators Metcalf, Erwin, Thorsness, Barr, Bailey, Amondson, Oke, Cantu and Saling.

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1 AN ACT Relating to term limitations; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 43.01 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 44.01 RCW; creating  
3 a new section; and providing for submission of this act to a vote of  
4 the people.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The purpose of this act is to achieve a  
7 "citizen legislature" as envisioned by the founders, by guaranteeing a  
8 turnover in elective office. This act does not establish or require  
9 conditions or qualifications for office, but only limits the time an  
10 individual can serve in a specific office or house of the legislature.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.01 RCW  
12 to read as follows:

1       No person shall be eligible to be elected or appointed to any state  
2 elective office in which he or she previously has served a total of  
3 twelve years.

4       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.**   A new section is added to chapter 44.01 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6       No person shall be eligible to be elected to a house of the  
7 legislature in which he or she previously has served a total of twelve  
8 years.

9       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 4.**       This act shall be submitted to the  
10 people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the next  
11 succeeding general election to be held in this state, in accordance  
12 with Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution, as amended, and  
13 the laws adopted to facilitate the operation thereof.