
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4203

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1 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

3 THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state there
4 shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state for their
5 approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Articles II,
6 III, and XI of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a
7 new section to each to read as follows:

8 Article II, section . . . LIMITATION ON MEMBERS OF THE
9 LEGISLATURE HOLDING OFFICE. No person is eligible to serve as a member
10 of the legislature who served as a member of either or both houses of
11 the legislature for more than twelve consecutive years. A person who
12 served in either or both houses of the legislature for twelve
13 consecutive years may serve again as a member of the legislature if at
14 least two years have elapsed since last serving as a member of the
15 legislature.

16 The number of years that a member of the legislature served before
17 1994 is not included in this limitation.

18 Article III, section . . . LIMITATION ON HOLDING EXECUTIVE OFFICE.
19 No person is eligible to serve in the same elected state executive
20 office, including the offices named in section 1 of this Article, for

1 more than twelve consecutive years. A person who served in an elected
2 state executive office for twelve consecutive years may serve again in
3 that elected state executive office if at least two years have elapsed
4 since last serving in that elected state executive office.

5 The number of years that a state elected official served before
6 1994 is not included in this limitation.

7 Article XI, section . . . LIMITATION ON HOLDING LOCAL ELECTIVE
8 OFFICE. No person is eligible to hold the same local elected office,
9 or hold office as a member of the same elected governing body of a
10 local government, for more than twelve consecutive years. This section
11 applies to every local elected office that is authorized by the
12 legislature, or is created or authorized by this Constitution,
13 including local elected offices provided in a charter adopted under
14 section 4, 10, or 16 of this Article, but does not apply to judicial
15 offices that are subject to section 17 of Article IV of this
16 Constitution. A person who served in a local elected office or on a
17 local elected governing body for twelve consecutive years may serve
18 again in the same local elected office or as a member of the same local
19 elected governing body if at least two years have elapsed since last
20 serving in that local elected office or serving on the same local
21 elected governing body.

22 The number of years that a local elected official or member of a
23 local elected governing body served before 1994 is not included in this
24 limitation.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause
26 notice of the foregoing constitutional amendment to be published at
27 least four times during the four weeks next preceding the election in
28 every legal newspaper in the state.

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