

HJR 70 -- TERM LIMITS

SPONSOR: Jones (50)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 10 to 3.

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment changes the term limits for statewide offices. The Office of the Secretary of State and the Office of the State Treasurer will be elected for a two year term at the 2016 general election and for four year terms thereafter. All statewide elected officials will be subject to the same term limits currently applied to the Governor and State Treasurer. Candidates for these positions will be limited to being elected to two terms in office or to one term in office if the candidate has previously held a particular office for more than two years without being elected.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this amendment will help voters focus on these candidates in years where not as many other important positions are elected.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Jones (50).

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.