

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE JOINT  
RESOLUTION NOS. 122, 104 & 149**  
**103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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**JOINT RESOLUTION**

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 8 of Article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to term limits for members of the general assembly.

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*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:*

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next  
2 following the first Monday in November, 2026, or at a special election to be called by the  
3 governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for  
4 adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the state  
5 of Missouri:

Section A. Section 8, Article III, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new  
2 section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 8, to read as follows:

Section 8. **1. Before December 5, 2030**, no one shall be elected to serve more than  
2 eight years total in any one house of the General Assembly nor more than sixteen years total  
3 in both houses of the General Assembly. In applying this section, service in the General  
4 Assembly resulting from an election prior to December 3, 1992, or service of less than one  
5 year, in the case of a member of the house of representatives, or two years, in the case of a  
6 member of the senate, by a person elected after the effective date of this section to complete  
7 the term of another person, shall not be counted.

8 **2. Beginning December 5, 2030, no one shall be elected to serve more than**  
9 **sixteen years total in both houses of the General Assembly. Service in the General**  
10 **Assembly resulting from an election prior to December 5, 2030, shall be counted.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

11           **3. No person serving in the General Assembly shall serve as the speaker of the**  
12 **house of representatives for more than two terms or as president pro tempore of the**  
13 **senate for more than one term.**

          Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and  
2 laws of this state allowing the General Assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission  
3 of this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official summary statement of this  
4 resolution shall be as follows:

5           "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- 6           • Prohibit legislators from serving more than sixteen years total in both houses of the  
7 General Assembly; and
- 8           • Limit the length of time any legislator can serve as Speaker of the House of  
9 Representatives or President Pro Tempore of the Senate?".

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