

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 140

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMMONS.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 8 of Article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to the general assembly.

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 following the first Monday in November, 2026, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 8, Article III, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 8 and 54, to read as follows:

Section 8. No one shall be elected to serve more than eight years total in any one house of the General Assembly nor more than sixteen years total in both houses of the General Assembly. In applying this section, service in the General Assembly resulting from an election prior to December 3, 1992, or service of less than one year, in the case of a member of the house of representatives, or two years, in the case of a member of the senate, by a person elected after the effective date of this section to complete the term of another person, shall not be counted. **Beginning January 1, 2032, no one shall be elected to serve more than twelve years in any one house of the general assembly, nor more than twenty years total in both houses of the general assembly.**

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.

**Section 54. Beginning January 1, 2032, no member of the house of
2 representatives shall serve as the speaker of the house of representatives for more
3 than four years and no member of the senate shall serve as the president pro tempore of
4 the senate for more than six years.**

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