
OLR Bill Analysis

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RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION MODIFYING THE LEGISLATIVE TERM OF OFFICE.

SUMMARY

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment to generally extend the term of office for state senators and representatives from two years to four years. Specifically, it sets the general election date for legislators in the 2nd, 6th, and 10th years following the year of the decennial census. Legislators elected in the 10th year following the census would serve a two-year term (i.e. ending before the new redistricting boundaries would apply). Correspondingly, the amendment sets a two- or four-year term of office depending on the election year's relation to the census.

The ballot designation to be used when the amendment is presented at the general election is: "Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to provide, after each decennial redistricting, for two four-year legislative terms and a two-year legislative term?"

EFFECTIVE DATE: If the resolution passes by at least three-fourths of the membership of each house of the General Assembly, it will be placed on the 2026 general election ballot. If it passes by a majority of the membership of each house but less than three-fourths, it will be referred to the 2027 session of the legislature. If it passes in that session by a majority of each house, it will appear on the 2028 general election ballot. If a majority of those voting on the amendment in the general election approve it, the amendment will become part of the state constitution.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 13 Nay 6 (03/26/2025)