

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION G

January 29, 2009, Introduced by Senators JACOBS, CLARK-COLEMAN, HUNTER, BRATER, GARCIA and BIRKHOLZ and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Reform.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 16 and 54 of article IV, to modify term limits for legislators and impose limits on chairmanships of legislative committees.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to modify term limits for legislators and impose limits on chairmanships of legislative committees, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 16. Each house, except as otherwise provided in this constitution, shall choose its own officers and determine the rules

1 of its proceedings, but shall not adopt any rule that will prevent
2 a majority of the members elected thereto and serving therein from
3 discharging a committee from the further consideration of any
4 measure. Each house shall be the sole judge of the qualifications,
5 elections and returns of its members, and may, with the concurrence
6 of two-thirds of all the members elected thereto and serving
7 therein, expel a member. The reasons for such expulsion shall be
8 entered in the journal, with the votes and names of the members
9 voting upon the question. No member shall be expelled a second time
10 for the same cause.

11 **A LEGISLATOR SHALL NOT SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE SAME LEGISLATIVE**
12 **COMMITTEE FOR MORE THAN FOUR YEARS.**

13 Sec. 54. No person shall be elected to the office of state
14 representative more than ~~three~~**SIX** times. No person shall be
15 elected to the office of state senate more than ~~two~~**THREE** times.
16 Any person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in the house of
17 representatives or the state senate for a period greater than one
18 half of a term of such office, shall be considered to have been
19 elected to serve one time in that office for purposes of this
20 section. This limitation on the number of times a person shall be
21 elected to office shall apply to terms of office beginning on or
22 after January 1, 1993.

23 This section shall be self-executing. Legislation may be
24 enacted to facilitate operation of this section, but no law shall
25 limit or restrict the application of this section. If any part of
26 this section is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the
27 remaining parts of this section shall not be affected but will

1 remain in full force and effect.

2 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
3 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election
4 in the manner provided by law.