

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION C

February 5, 2003, Introduced by Reps. Minore, Dennis, Plakas, Zelenko, Gleason, Adamini and Woronchak and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 54 of article IV and section 30 of article V, to modify term limits for certain elected state offices.

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 certain elected state offices, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

## ARTICLE IV

Sec. 54. No person shall be elected to the office of state representative more than ~~three~~ **six** times. No person shall be elected to the office of state senate more than ~~two~~ **three** times. Any person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in the house of representatives or the state senate for a period greater

1 than one half of a term of such office, shall be considered to  
2 have been elected to serve one time in that office for purposes  
3 of this section. This limitation on the number of times a person  
4 shall be elected to office shall apply to terms of office  
5 beginning on or after January 1, 1993.

6 This section shall be self-executing. Legislation may be  
7 enacted to facilitate operation of this section, but no law shall  
8 limit or restrict the application of this section. If any part  
9 of this section is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the  
10 remaining parts of this section shall not be affected but will  
11 remain in full force and effect.

12 ARTICLE V

13 Sec. 30. No person shall be elected more than ~~two~~ **three**  
14 times to each office of the executive branch of government:  
15 governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, or attorney  
16 general. Any person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in  
17 the office of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state,  
18 or attorney general for a period greater than one half of a term  
19 of such office, shall be considered to have been elected to serve  
20 one time in that office for purposes of this section. This  
21 limitation on the number of times a person shall be elected to  
22 office shall apply to terms of office beginning on or after  
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25 enacted to facilitate operation of this section, but no law shall  
26 limit or restrict the application of this section. If any part  
27 of this section is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the

1 remaining parts of this section shall not be affected but will  
2 remain in full force and effect.

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



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## MODIFY TERM LIMITS

**House Joint Resolution C**

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**Complete to 2-7-03**

### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION C AS INTRODUCED 2-5-03**

The joint resolution would amend the state constitution (Article IV, Section 54 and Article V, Section 30) to increase the number of terms that may be served by elected officials. Currently, a person may be elected to the office of state representative no more than three times (generally serving no more than six years), and to the office of state senator no more than two times (generally serving no more than eight years). A person may be elected to each executive branch office (governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general) no more than two times (eight years). The joint resolution, if approved by the legislature and the voters, would allow state representatives to be elected up to six times (for twelve years service), state senators to be elected up to three times (for twelve years service), and executive branch officers to be elected up to three times (for twelve years service).

The joint resolution would be placed before the voters at the next general election.

**House Joint Resolution C (2-7-03)**

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