

Term Limits

- This does NOT lengthen or eliminate term limits... it actually SHORTENS the maximum possible time in the legislature from 14 to 12 years (6 in the House and 8 in the Senate)
- This allows better FOCUS – Elect to spend 12 years in one chamber
- This allows SPECIALIZATION – become experts on the rules of the house or senate, experts
- This allows ACCLIMATION – the relationships, the institutional knowledge, the confidence important to be
- This allows ACCUMULATION of experience
- Elevates the Legislator’s ideas and experience over the staff

Current law

- Forces a legislator to start thinking of the next career move almost immediately upon taking office rather than becoming an expert in serving your community.
- Ensures that institutional knowledge (and therefore, power) resides in the staff vs. the legislator
- Ensures that “newbies” are always the leaders

Objections

- Makes it easier to get rid of bad legislators – makes it impossible to keep good ones
- Forces a dilemma – term out, spend 6 years raising money for the more expensive Senate race, look for other option to extend career