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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PLOCHER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 8 of article III and section 17 of article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to term limits.

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
2 following the first Monday in November, 2018, or at a special election to be called by the
3 governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for
4 adoption or rejection, the following amendments to article III and article IV of the Constitution
5 of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 8, article III, and section 17, article IV, Constitution of Missouri, are
2 repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 8 and section 17,
3 to read as follows:

Section 8. ~~[No one shall be elected to serve more than eight years total in any one house
2 of the General Assembly nor more than sixteen years total in both houses of the General
3 Assembly. In applying this section, service in the General Assembly resulting from an election
4 prior to December 3, 1992, or service of less than one year, in the case of a member of the house
5 of representatives, or two years, in the case of a member of the senate, by a person elected after
6 the effective date of this section to complete the term of another person, shall not be counted.]~~
7 **No one elected to serve in the general assembly at an election held after November 1, 2018,**
8 **shall be elected to serve more than twelve years in any one house of the general assembly**
9 **or more than sixteen years total in both houses of the general assembly. No one elected to**
10 **serve in the general assembly at an election held on or prior to November 1, 2018, shall be**

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.

11 **elect** to serve more than eight years total in any one house of the general assembly or
12 **more than sixteen years total in both houses of the general assembly. Service of less than**
13 **one year, in the case of a member of the house of representatives, or two years, in the case**
14 **of a member of the senate, by a person elected at any time to complete the term of office**
15 **of another person shall not be counted.**

Section 17. The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer and
2 attorney general shall be elected at the presidential elections for terms of four years each. The
3 state auditor shall be elected for a term of two years at the general election in the year 1948, and
4 his successors shall be elected for terms of four years. No person shall be elected governor,
5 **lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, auditor,** or treasurer more than
6 twice, and no person who has held the office of governor, **lieutenant governor, secretary of**
7 **state, attorney general, auditor,** or treasurer, or acted as governor, **lieutenant governor,**
8 **secretary of state, attorney general, auditor,** or treasurer, for more than two years of a term
9 to which some other person was elected to the office of governor, **lieutenant governor,**
10 **secretary of state, attorney general, auditor,** or treasurer shall be elected to the office of
11 governor, **lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, auditor,** or treasurer more
12 than once. **The term limitations for the offices of lieutenant governor, secretary of state,**
13 **and attorney general shall apply to candidates prospectively beginning with the offices**
14 **filled by the general election in the year 2020 and shall apply prospectively to candidates**
15 **for the office of auditor beginning with the general election held to fill such office in the**
16 **year 2022.** The heads of all the executive departments shall be appointed by the governor, by
17 and with the advice and consent of the senate. All appointive officers may be removed by the
18 governor and shall possess the qualifications required by this constitution or by law.

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