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HOUSE BILL NO. 205

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BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

LEGISLATORS/TERMS: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to the term limitations applicable to legislators

A JOINT RESOLUTION

2	Proposing to amend Article III, Section 4(E) of the Constitution of Louisiana and to repeal
3	Article III, Section 4(E)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide relative to the
4	term limitations applicable to members of the legislature; to provide for submission
5	of the proposed amendment to the electors; to provide for effectiveness; and to
6	provide for related matters.
7	Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
8	elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
9	Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to
10	amend Article III, Section 4(E) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
11	§4. Qualifications; Residence and Domicile Requirements; Term; Election
12	Limitations; Vacancies; Temporary Successors; Salary
13	Section 4.
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15	(E) Election Limitation. (1) No person who has been elected to serve as a
16	member of the Senate for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive
17	terms, that service being during a term of office that began on or after January 8,
18	1996, shall be elected to the Senate for the succeeding term. No person who has
19	been elected to serve as a member of the House of Representatives for more than two
20	and one-half terms in three consecutive terms, that service being during a term of

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2 Representatives for the succeeding term. 3 (2) Effective beginning January 8, 2024, no person who has been elected to 4 serve as a member of the Senate for more than three and one-half terms in four 5 consecutive terms, that service being during a term of office that began on or after 6 January 11, 2016, shall be elected to the Senate for the succeeding term. Effective 7 beginning January 8, 2024, no person who has been elected to serve as a member of 8 the House of Representatives for more than three and one-half terms in four 9 consecutive terms, that service being during a term of office that began on or after 10 January 11, 2016, shall be elected to the House of Representatives for the succeeding 11 term. 12 13 Section 2. Be it further resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the 14 members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of 15 the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a 16 proposal to repeal Article III, Section 4(E)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana effective 17 January 8, 2024. 18 Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted 19 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 8, 20 2022. 21 Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, 22 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted 23 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as 24 follows: 25 Do you support an amendment to prohibit a person who has been elected to 26 serve as a member of one house of the legislature for more than three and 27 one-half terms in four consecutive terms, that service being during a term of office that began on or after January 11, 2016, from being elected to the same 28 29 house of the legislature for the succeeding term and to repeal the existing

office that began on or after January 8, 1996, shall be elected to the House of

limitation of two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms in the same house of legislature? (Effective January 8, 2024) (Amends Article III, Section 4(E); Repeals Article III, Section 4(E)(1))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Effective Jan. 8, 2024, changes the term limitation on legislators to three and one-half of four consecutive terms in the same house of the legislature, beginning with service on or after Jan. 11, 2016.

<u>Present constitution</u> prohibits a person who has been elected to serve as a member of the Senate for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms, that service being during a term of office that began on or after Jan. 8, 1996, from being to the Senate for the succeeding term and prohibits a person who has been elected to serve as a member of the House of Representatives for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms, that service being during a term of office that began on or after Jan. 8, 1996, from being elected to the House for the succeeding term.

Proposed constitutional amendment repeals these provisions effective Jan. 8, 2024.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> provides a new limitation effective Jan. 8, 2024, to prohibit a person who has been elected to serve as a member of the Senate for more than three and one-half terms in four consecutive terms, that service being during a term of office that began on or after Jan. 11, 2016, from being elected to the Senate for the succeeding term and prohibits a person who has been elected to serve as a member of the House of Representatives for more than three and one-half terms in four consecutive terms, that service being during a term of office that began on or after Jan. 11, 2016, from being elected to the House for the succeeding term.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 8, 2022.

(Amends Const. Art. III, §4(E); Repeals Const. Art. III, §4(E)(1))