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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa limiting years of service for members of the
3 general assembly and certain statewide elected officials.
4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
2 State of Iowa is proposed:

3 The Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended by adding the
4 following new section to a new article:

5 ARTICLE ____.

6 LIFETIME TERM LIMITS.

7 Section 1. **Certain elected officials — lifetime term**
8 **limits.** A person shall not be elected or appointed to a term
9 as governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, secretary
10 of agriculture, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney
11 general, representative in the general assembly, or senator in
12 the general assembly if the person will have served twenty-four
13 years in any of those offices or any combination of those offices
14 prior to the commencement of the term.

15 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed
16 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
17 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general election
18 for members of the general assembly, and shall be published as
19 provided by law for three months previous to the date of that
20 election.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
25 Constitution of the State of Iowa limiting years of service
26 for persons elected or appointed to the office of state
27 representative, state senator, governor, lieutenant governor,
28 secretary of state, secretary of agriculture, auditor of state,
29 treasurer of state, or attorney general. The resolution provides
30 that a person shall not be elected or appointed to a term
31 in those offices if the person will have served 24 years in
32 any of those offices or any combination thereof prior to the
33 commencement of the term.

34 The resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the next
35 general assembly (92nd) for adoption before being submitted to

1 the electorate for ratification.

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