

HJR 88 -- TERM LIMITS

SPONSOR: Kidd

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elections by a vote of 9 to 3. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 6 to 4.

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment prohibits all statewide elected officials from being elected more than twice. Currently, only the Governor and the State Treasurer are prohibited from being elected more than twice.

Currently, a person who has held the Office of Governor or the Office of Treasurer for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected is prohibited from being elected more than once. The amendment prohibits any person who has held any statewide office for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected from being elected more than once.

The term limitations for the offices of Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General must apply to candidates prospectively beginning with the offices filled by the 2016 general election and must apply prospectively to the candidates for the Office of State Auditor beginning with the general election in 2018.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that term limits should be uniform for all statewide elected officials so that there is a level playing field.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Kidd.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.