

## HJR 32 -- GENERAL ASSEMBLY TERM LIMITS

SPONSOR: Colona

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 1.

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment prohibits a person from serving more than 16 years in the General Assembly. The service may be split between the House of Representatives and Senate in any proportion as long as the individual serves no more than 16 total years. Currently, no one can serve more than eight years total in any one house of the General Assembly or more than 16 years total in both houses.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund of an income of \$0 or a cost of More than \$7,000,000 in FY 2012, an income of \$0 or a cost of More than \$7,000,000 in FY 2013, and an income of \$0 in FY 2014. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill places the intent of the original legislation into law by keeping the limit of 16 years but allowing a person to serve those years in either chamber of the General Assembly helping to prevent reliance on lobbyists and staff for institutional knowledge.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Colona.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.