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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 52

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing sections 8 and 11, of article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to terms for members of the general assembly.

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

Section A. Sections 8 and 11, article III, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 8 and 11, to read as follows:

Section 8. **1.** No one shall be elected to serve more than eight years total in any one house of the General Assembly nor more than sixteen years total in both houses of the General Assembly. In applying this section, service in the General Assembly resulting from an election prior to December 3, 1992, or service of less than one year, in the case of a member of the house of representatives, or two years, in the case of a member of the senate, by a person elected after the effective date of this section to complete the term of another person, shall not be counted.

2. Beginning January 1, 2024, no one shall be elected to serve more than twelve years in any one house of the General Assembly or more than twenty-four years in both houses of the General Assembly. In applying this section, service of less than two years, in the case of a member of the house of representatives, or three years, in the case of a

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 member of the senate, by a person elected after the effective date of this subsection to
12 complete the term of another person, shall not be counted in their total years of service.

13 **3. Any person elected to office prior to the effective date of subsection 2 of this**
14 **section shall be subject to the term limit requirements of subsection 1 of this section except**
15 **that any senator who has served one four-year term of office prior to the change may serve**
16 **one additional six-year term under article III, section 11 of the Constitution of Missouri,**
17 **and any representative who has served three two-year terms of office prior to the change**
18 **may serve one additional four-year term under article III, section 11 of the Constitution**
19 **of Missouri.**

Section 11. **1.** The first election of senators and representatives under this constitution,
2 shall be held at the general election in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-six when
3 the whole number of representatives and the senators from the districts having even numbers,
4 who shall compose the first class, shall be elected, and two years thereafter the whole number
5 of representatives and the senators from districts having odd numbers, who shall compose the
6 second class, shall be elected, and so on at each succeeding general election.

7 **2. Beginning January 1, 2024, the whole number of representatives and the senators**
8 **from odd-numbered districts shall be elected; four years thereafter the whole number of**
9 **representatives shall be elected, and six years thereafter the senators from odd-numbered**
10 **districts shall be elected, and so on at each succeeding general election. Beginning January**
11 **1, 2026, the senators from even-numbered districts shall be elected, and six years thereafter**
12 **such senators from even-numbered districts shall be elected, and so on at each succeeding**
13 **general election.**

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