

## House Concurrent Resolution No. 5036

By Representative Edmonds

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A PROPOSITION to amend section 2 of article 2 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, relating to members of the senate and house of representatives.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate concurring therein:*

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 2 of article 2 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

“§ 2. **Senators and representatives.** The number of representatives and senators shall be regulated by law, but shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five representatives and forty senators. Representatives and senators shall be elected from single-member districts prescribed by law. Representatives shall be elected for two year terms. Senators shall be elected for four year terms. The terms of representatives and senators shall commence on the second Monday of January of the year following election. *Except as otherwise hereinafter provided, no person shall be elected at any general election for more than three successive four-year terms as a member of the senate, and no person shall be elected at any general election for more than six successive two-year terms as a member of the house of representatives. Any person filing a ballot access petition in the manner prescribed by law which is signed by qualified electors of the district equal in number to not less than 20% of the total number of electors of the district who voted for the office of the secretary of state at the last general election for such office, may become a candidate for and may be elected, in the manner prescribed by law, to successive terms of office in the senate and house of representatives in excess of the limitations hereinbefore prescribed.*”

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

1     *“Explanatory statement.* The purpose of this amendment is to limit  
2     the number of terms for which a person can be elected as a  
3     member of the senate and house of representatives except upon  
4     the filing of a sufficient petition signed by qualified electors of  
5     the district requesting that a person be permitted to be elected  
6     to an additional successive term.

7     *“A vote for this amendment favors limiting the number of terms*  
8     *for which a person can be elected as a member of the senate*  
9     *and house of representatives but reserving to the qualified elec-*  
10    *tors of the district the right to petition for the right of a desig-*  
11    *ned person to be allowed to be elected to an additional suc-*  
12    *cessive term.*

13    *“A vote against this amendment favors retaining the present lan-*  
14    *guage of the constitution which places no limit upon the number*  
15    *of terms to which a person can be elected as a member of either*  
16    *house of the legislature.”*

17    Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members  
18    elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, and  
19    two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the  
20    Senate shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays.  
21    The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as pro-  
22    vided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted  
23    to the electors of the state at the general election in the year 2002 unless  
24    a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of  
25    the legislature, in which case it shall be submitted to the electors of the  
26    state at the special election.

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