

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 598 Term Limits by Senator Bennett

Proposes amendments to the State Constitution relating to terms of State Senators, State Representatives, and elected county and municipal officers. The State Constitution provides that State Senators are elected to terms of 4 years and State Representatives are elected to terms of 2 years. The State Constitution also generally limits State Senators and State Representatives to serving 8 consecutive years in office. However, the State Constitution does not limit the number of consecutive years in office that may be served by a county or municipal officer.

This amendment lengthens the terms of State Senators to 6 years and the terms of State Representatives to 4 years. The amendment also generally limits State Senators, State Representatives, and elected county and municipal officers to 12 consecutive years in office. However, the amendment does not change the length of the term of any elected county or municipal office. (See bill for details)