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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4207

State of Washington 67th Legislature 2022 Regular Session

By Representatives MacEwen, Corry, Chase, and Abbarno

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BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article II, section 7 and Article III, sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as follows:

Article II, section 7. No person shall be eligible to the legislature who shall not be a citizen of the United States and a qualified voter in the district for which ((he)) the person is chosen. No person may serve as a legislator in a single chamber for more than twelve consecutive years.

Article III, section 2. The supreme executive power of this state shall be vested in a governor, who shall hold ((his)) office for a term of four years, and until ((his)) a successor is elected and qualified. No person may serve as governor for more than two terms, whether or not consecutive.

Article III, section 3. The lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer, auditor, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, and commissioner of public lands, shall hold their offices for four years respectively, and until their successors are

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elected and qualified. <u>No person may serve in these executive offices</u>

for more than two terms per office, whether or not consecutive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amendment is a single amendment within the meaning of Article XXIII, section 1 of the state Constitution.

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The legislature finds that the changes contained in this amendment constitute a single integrated plan for term limits for state legislators and statewide elected officials. If this amendment is held to be separate amendments, this joint resolution is void in its entirety and is of no further force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal newspaper in the state.

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