

**As Introduced**

**132nd General Assembly  
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**H. J. R. No. 20**

**Representative Ramos**

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**A JOINT RESOLUTION**

Proposing to amend Section 2 of Article II and to repeal 1  
Sections 8 and 9 of Article V of the Constitution of 2  
the State of Ohio to eliminate legislative term 3  
limits. 4

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of 5  
Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house 6  
concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors 7  
of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at the general 8  
election to be held on November 7, 2017, a proposal to amend 9  
Section 2 of Article II and to repeal Sections 8 and 9 of 10  
Article V of the Constitution of Ohio to read as follows: 11

**ARTICLE II** 12

**Section 2.** Representatives shall be elected biennially by 13  
the electors of the respective house of representatives 14  
districts; their term of office shall commence on the first day 15  
of January next thereafter and continue two years. 16

Senators shall be elected by the electors of the 17  
respective senate districts; their terms of office shall 18  
commence on the first day of January next after their election. 19  
All terms of senators which commence on the first day of 20

January, 1969 shall be four years, and all terms which commence 21  
on the first day of January, 1971 shall be four years. 22  
Thereafter, except for the filling of vacancies for unexpired 23  
terms, senators shall be elected to and hold office for terms of 24  
four years. 25

~~No person shall hold the office of state senator for a 26  
period longer than two successive terms of four years. No person 27  
shall hold the office of state representative for a period 28  
longer than four successive terms of two years. Terms shall be 29  
considered successive unless separated by a period of four or 30  
more years. Only terms beginning on or after January 1, 1993 31  
shall be considered in determining an individual's eligibility 32  
to hold office. 33~~

~~In determining the eligibility of an individual to hold an 34  
office in accordance with this article, (A) time spent in an 35  
office in fulfillment of a term to which another person was 36  
first elected shall not be considered provided that a period of 37  
at least four years passed between the time, if any, in which 38  
the individual previously held that office, and the time the 39  
individual is elected or appointed to fulfill the unexpired 40  
term; and (B) a person who is elected to an office in a 41  
regularly scheduled general election and resigns prior to the 42  
completion of the term for which he or she was elected, shall be 43  
considered to have served the full term in that office. 44~~

EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL 45

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this 46  
proposal, the amendment of Section 2 of Article II takes 47  
immediate effect and existing Section 2 of Article II and 48  
Sections 8 and 9 of Article V of the Constitution of Ohio are 49  
repealed from that effective date. 50