

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 99**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Proposes Constitutional Amendment to limit to 12 number of successive years members of General Assembly can serve.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 A **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** proposing to amend Article IV,
2 Section II, paragraph 4 of the Constitution of the State of New
3 Jersey.

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5 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New
6 Jersey (the Senate concurring):

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8 1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of
9 the State of New Jersey is hereby agreed to:

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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Amend Article IV, Section II, paragraph 4 to read as follows:

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2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally
agreed to pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it
shall be submitted to the people at the next general election
occurring more than three months after the final agreement and
shall be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each
county designated by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than three
months prior to the general election.

3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be
submitted to the people at that election in the following manner and
form:

There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the
general election, the following:

a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used,
a legend which shall immediately precede the question as follows:

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus
2 (+), or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are
3 opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (✓) in the
4 square opposite the word "No."
5 b. In every municipality the following question:
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	YES	<p>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO LIMIT SERVICE IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO 12 CONSECUTIVE YEARS</p> <p>Do you approve a change to the Constitution to limit the service of a member of the General Assembly to 12 consecutive years in that office? The limit would also apply to any member currently in office.</p>
	NO	<p>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>This amendment would limit to 12 the number of consecutive years that a member of the General Assembly could serve in that office.</p> <p>The term of office of a member of the General Assembly is two years. This change would limit the service of a member to six consecutive terms.</p> <p>The limit would apply to any member currently in office. However, years served as a member before the amendment is adopted would not be counted toward the limit.</p>

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SCHEDULE

10 The limitation on the number of successive years a member of
11 the General Assembly may serve as established by this
12 constitutional amendment shall apply only for successive years
13 served after the adoption of the amendment. A member who, on the
14 date of adoption of the amendment, is serving as a member of the
15 General Assembly shall not have the number of years served by that
16 member before the adoption counted toward the limitation on the
17 number of successive years as established by this constitutional
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STATEMENT

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This concurrent resolution would amend the State Constitution to limit the successive number of years that a member of the General Assembly can serve.

A member of the General Assembly would not be eligible to serve more than 12 successive years in office, except that a member or official who is serving a term at the end of the 12th successive year would be allowed to complete that term. Service for one year or more to fill an unexpired term of office is included in the limitation imposed by this amendment. Years of service would be considered successive unless there is a break in service consisting of one intervening term of office.

This amendment would apply to successive years served by members of the General Assembly after the adoption of the amendment. A member of the General Assembly who is serving on the date of adoption of the amendment will not have the years served as a member before the adoption counted toward the limitation.