



2023 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Joint Resolution 504

Introduced by: **Senator Brent "B.R." Hoffman**

1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the electors at the next general**
 2 **election an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of South**
 3 **Dakota, to limit terms of service for legislators to eight years.**

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 **Section 1.** That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendment to
 7 Article III of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in section 2 of this
 8 Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the electors of the state for
 9 approval.

10 **Section 2. That Article III, § 6 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be**
 11 **AMENDED:**

12 **§ 6.** The terms of office of the members of the Legislature shall be two years; they
 13 shall receive for their services the salary fixed by law under the provisions of § 2 of article
 14 XXI of this Constitution, and five cents for every mile of necessary travel in going to and
 15 returning from the place of meeting of the Legislature on the most usual route.

16 No person may serve more than ~~four consecutive terms or a total of eight~~
 17 ~~consecutive years~~ in the senate and more than ~~four consecutive terms or a total of eight~~
 18 ~~consecutive years~~ in the house of representatives. However, this restriction does not apply
 19 to partial terms to which a legislator may be appointed.

20 A regular session of the Legislature shall be held each year and shall not exceed
 21 forty legislative days, excluding Sundays, holidays and legislative recess, except in cases
 22 of impeachment, and members of the Legislature shall receive no other pay or perquisites
 23 except salary and mileage.