

State of South Dakota

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Introduced by: Senators Olson (Ed), Gray, Hunhoff, Koetzle, and Peterson (Jim) and
Representatives Putnam, Dennert, Heineman, and Pederson (Gordon) at the
request of the Constitutional Revision Commission

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION, To propose a constitutional amendment regarding legislative term
2 limits.

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

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

9 Section 2. That Article III, section 6 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be
10 amended to read as follows:

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

15 No person may serve more than ~~four~~ six consecutive terms or a total of ~~eight~~ twelve



1 consecutive years in the senate and more than ~~four~~ six consecutive terms or a total of ~~eight~~
2 twelve consecutive years in the house of representatives. ~~However, this restriction does not~~
3 ~~apply to partial terms to which a legislator may be appointed or to legislative service before~~
4 ~~January 1, 1993.~~

5 A regular session of the Legislature shall be held in each odd-numbered year and shall not
6 exceed forty legislative days, excluding Sundays, holidays and legislative recess, except in cases
7 of impeachment, and members of the Legislature shall receive no other pay or perquisites except
8 salary and mileage.

9 A regular session of the Legislature shall be held in each even-numbered year beginning
10 with the year 1964 and shall not exceed thirty-five legislative days, excluding Sundays, holidays
11 and legislative recess, except in cases of impeachment, and members of the Legislature shall
12 receive no other pay or perquisites except salary and mileage.