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SENATE ENGROSSED NO. SJR 1-2/13/2008

Introduced by: Senators Napoli, Apa, and Katus and Representatives Haverly and Moore

- 1 A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing a constitutional amendment to eliminate term limits for
- 2 legislators.
- 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
- 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:
- § 6. The terms of office of the members of the Legislature shall be two years; they shall
- receive for their services the salary fixed by law under the provisions of § 2 of article XXI of
- this Constitution, and five cents for every mile of necessary travel in going to and returning from
- the place of meeting of the Legislature on the most usual route.
- No person may serve more than four consecutive terms or a total of eight consecutive years

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in the senate and more than four consecutive terms or a total of eight consecutive years in the

- 2 house of representatives. However, this restriction does not apply to partial terms to which a
- 3 legislator may be appointed or to legislative service before January 1, 1993.
- 4 A regular session of the Legislature shall be held in each odd-numbered year and shall not
- 5 exceed forty legislative days, excluding Sundays, holidays and legislative recess, except in cases
- 6 of impeachment, and members of the Legislature shall receive no other pay or perquisites except
- 7 salary and mileage.
- 8 A regular session of the Legislature shall be held in each even-numbered year beginning
- 9 with the year 1964 and shall not exceed thirty-five legislative days, excluding Sundays, holidays
- and legislative recess, except in cases of impeachment, and members of the Legislature shall
- receive no other pay or perquisites except salary and mileage.