

1 HB340
2 189462-1
3 By Representatives Fridy, Whorton (R) and Hanes
4 (Constitutional Amendment)
5 RFD: Constitution, Campaigns and Elections
6 First Read: 30-JAN-18

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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose an amendment to the
9 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, that would provide
10 that no person may be elected to the Alabama
11 Legislature for more than four full terms. The
12 amendment would provide that an election to either
13 the Senate or the House of Representatives for at
14 least two years would be equivalent to the election
15 for a full term in that respective body. The
16 amendment would provide that service in the Senate
17 and service in the House of Representatives prior
18 to November 2014 would not disqualify, in whole or
19 in part, a person from service in that respective
20 body following that date.

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22 A BILL
23 TO BE ENTITLED
24 AN ACT
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26 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of
27 Alabama of 1901; to provide that no person may be elected to

1 the Alabama Legislature for more than four full terms of
2 office, an election to the Senate and an election to the House
3 of Representatives for at least two years would be equivalent
4 to the election of a person for a full term in the respective
5 body, and service in the Senate and service in the House of
6 Representatives prior to November 2014, would not disqualify,
7 in whole or in part, a person from service in the respective
8 body following such date.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. The following amendment to the
11 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and
12 shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a
13 majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in
14 accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution
15 of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

16 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

17 No person may be elected to the Alabama Legislature
18 for more than four full terms. An election to either the
19 Senate or the House of Representatives for at least two years
20 shall be equivalent to the election of a person for a full
21 term in the respective body. Notwithstanding the foregoing,
22 service in the Legislature prior to November 2014, shall not
23 disqualify, in whole or in part, a person from service in the
24 Legislature following that date.

25 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
26 shall be held in accordance with the provisions of Sections
27 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now

1 appearing as Sections 284 and 285 of the Official
2 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama, 1901, as
3 amended, and in accordance with the election laws of this
4 state.

5 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
6 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
7 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
8 following description of the substance or subject matter of
9 the proposed constitutional amendment:

10 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
11 Alabama of 1901, to provide that no person may be elected to
12 the Alabama Legislature for more than four full terms.

13 "Proposed by Act _____."

14 This description shall be followed by the following
15 language:

16 "Yes () No ()."