

1 HB300
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8 (Constitutional Amendment)
9 RFD: Constitution, Campaigns and Elections
10 First Read: 23-FEB-17

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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 either house of
11 the Legislature for more than two 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 2018 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 (1) no person may be elected

1 to the Senate for more than two full terms of office in the
2 Senate and no person may be elected to the House of
3 Representatives for more than two full terms of office in the
4 House of Representatives, (2) an election to the Senate and an
5 election to the House of Representatives for at least two
6 years would be equivalent to the election of a person for a
7 full term in the respective body, and (3) service in the
8 Senate and service in the House of Representatives prior to
9 November 2018 would not disqualify, in whole or in part, a
10 person from service in the respective body following such
11 date.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

19 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

20 No person may be elected to the Alabama Senate for
21 more than two full terms. No person may be elected to the
22 Alabama House of Representatives for more than two full terms.
23 An election to either the Senate or the House of
24 Representatives for at least two years shall be equivalent to
25 the election of a person for a full term in the respective
26 body. Notwithstanding the foregoing, service in the Senate
27 prior to November 2018 shall not disqualify, in whole or in

1 part, a person from service in the Senate following that date,
2 and service in the House of Representatives prior to November
3 2018 shall not disqualify, in whole or in part, a person from
4 service in the House of Representatives following that date.

5 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
6 shall be held in accordance with the provisions of Sections
7 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now
8 appearing as Sections 284 and 285 of the Official
9 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama, 1901, as
10 amended, and in accordance with the election laws of this
11 state.

12 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
13 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
14 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
15 following description of the substance or subject matter of
16 the proposed constitutional amendment:

17 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
18 Alabama of 1901, to provide that no person may be elected to
19 the Senate of Alabama for more than two full terms and no
20 person may be elected to the Alabama House of Representatives
21 for more than two full terms.

22 "Proposed by Act _____."

23 This description shall be followed by the following
24 language:

25 "Yes () No ()."