

1 SB127  
2 188363-1  
3 By Senators Hightower and Pittman (Constitutional Amendment)  
4 RFD: Constitution, Ethics and Elections  
5 First Read: 09-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 either house of  
11 the Legislature for more than three full  
12 consecutive terms. The amendment would provide that  
13 an election to either the Senate or the House of  
14 Representatives for at least two years would be  
15 equivalent to the election for a full term in that  
16 respective body. The amendment would provide that  
17 service in the Senate and service in the House of  
18 Representatives prior to November 2018 would not  
19 disqualify, in whole or in part, a person from  
20 service in that respective body following that  
21 date.

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23 A BILL  
24 TO BE ENTITLED  
25 AN ACT  
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1           To propose an amendment to the Constitution of  
2           Alabama of 1901, to provide that (1) no person may be elected  
3           to the Senate for more than three consecutive terms of office  
4           in the Senate and no person may be elected to the House of  
5           Representatives for more than three consecutive full terms in  
6           the House of Representatives, (2) an election to the Senate  
7           and an election to the House of Representatives for at least  
8           two years would be equivalent to the election of a person for  
9           a full term in the respective body, and (3) service in the  
10          Senate and service in the House of Representatives prior to  
11          November 2018 would not disqualify, in whole or in part, a  
12          person from service in the respective body following such  
13          date.

14         BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

21                                 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

22                 No person may be elected to the Alabama Senate for  
23                 more than three full consecutive terms. No person may be  
24                 elected to the Alabama House of Representatives for more than  
25                 three full consecutive terms. An election to either the Senate  
26                 or the House of Representatives for at least two years shall  
27                 be equivalent to the election of a person for a full term in

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

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

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

20 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
21 Alabama of 1901, to provide that no person may be elected to  
22 the Senate of Alabama for more than three consecutive terms  
23 and no person may be elected to the Alabama House of  
24 Representatives for more than three consecutive terms.

25 "Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_\_."

26 This description shall be followed by the following  
27 language:

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"Yes ( ) No ( )."