

HOUSE BILL 492

Introduced by L. Nelson

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 492
 2 INTRODUCED BY Janice Nelson

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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE
 5 QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V,
 6 SECTION 3, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
 7 INCREASING THE TERM OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF
 8 REPRESENTATIVES FROM 2 TO 4 YEARS; TO PROVIDE THAT HALF OF
 9 THE MEMBERS MUST BE ELECTED EVERY 2 YEARS; TO PROVIDE THAT A
 10 REPRESENTATIVE SHALL RESIGN FROM THE HOUSE OF
 11 REPRESENTATIVES AT THE TIME HE FILES AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE
 12 SENATE; PROVIDING A TRANSITION CLAUSE IMPLEMENTING THE
 13 STAGGERED-ELECTION REQUIREMENT; AND PROVIDING AN
 14 APPLICABILITY DATE."

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 16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

17 **Section 1.** Article V, section 3, of The Constitution of
 18 the State of Montana is amended to read:

19 "Section 3. Election and terms. A member of the house
 20 of representatives shall be elected for a term of ~~two~~ four
 21 years and a member of the senate for a term of four years
 22 each to begin on a date provided by law. One-half of the
 23 senators and representatives shall be elected every two
 24 years. A representative shall resign from the house of
 25 representatives at the time he files as a candidate for the

1 senate."

2 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Applicability -- transition.

3 Section 1 applies to members of the house of representatives
 4 elected during and after the November 1994 general election,
 5 except that at the November 1994 general election,
 6 representatives elected in even-numbered house of
 7 representatives legislative districts shall be elected for a
 8 term of 2 years and representatives elected in odd-numbered
 9 house of representatives legislative districts shall be
 10 elected for a term of 4 years.

11 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Submission to electorate. This
 12 amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of
 13 Montana at the general election to be held in November 1992
 14 by printing on the ballot the full title of this act and the
 15 following:

- 16 FOR increasing the term of members of the house of
 17 representatives from 2 to 4 years and electing half
 18 of the members every 2 years.
 19 AGAINST increasing the term of members of the house
 20 of representatives from 2 to 4 years and electing
 21 half of the members every 2 years.

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INTRODUCED BILL