

HB 447 INTRODUCED BY WINSLOW, ET AL.
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT LIMITING YEARS IN OFFICE
FOR ELECTED OFFICIAL/JUDGE

1/26 INTRODUCED
1/26 REFERRED TO STATE ADMINISTRATION
2/06 HEARING
2/06 COMMITTEE REPORT--BILL NOT PASSED
2/07 ADVERSE COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

1 House BILL NO. 447
2 INTRODUCED BY Winters Thomas

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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; ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1; AND ARTICLE VII, SECTION
7 7, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT ELECTED PUBLIC
8 OFFICIALS TO 12 YEARS OF SERVICE IN ONE OFFICE AND SUPREME
9 COURT JUSTICES TO 16 YEARS IN OFFICE; AND PROVIDING AN
10 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

13 Section 1. Article V, section 3, of The Constitution
14 of the State of Montana is amended to read:

15 "Section 3. Election and terms. (1) A member of the
16 house of representatives shall be elected for a term of two
17 years and a member of the senate for a term of four years
18 each to begin on a date provided by law. One-half of the
19 senators shall be elected every two years.

20 (2) No senator or representative may serve more than
21 12 years in one office."

22 Section 2. Article VI, section 1, of The Constitution
23 of the State of Montana is amended to read:

24 "Section 1. Officers. (1) The executive branch
25 includes a governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of

1 state, attorney general, superintendent of public
2 instruction, and auditor.

3 (2) Each holds office for a term of four years which
4 begins on the first Monday of January next succeeding
5 election, and until a successor is elected and qualified.

6 (3) Each shall reside at the seat of government, there
7 keep the public records of his office, and perform such
8 other duties as are provided in this constitution and by
9 law.

10 (4) No executive branch officer may serve more than 12
11 years in one office."

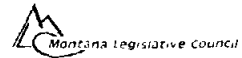
12 Section 3. Article VII, section 7, of The Constitution
13 of the State of Montana is amended to read:

14 "Section 7. Terms and pay. (1) All justices and
15 judges shall be paid as provided by law, but salaries shall
16 not be diminished during terms of office.

17 (2) Terms of office shall be eight--years limited to
18 two 8-year terms for supreme court justices, six-years two
19 6-year terms for district court judges, four-years and three
20 4-year terms for justices of the peace, and as--provided--by
21 law--for--other-judges. Other judges may not serve more than
22 12 years in one office."

23 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. If approved
24 by the electorate, this amendment is effective September 1,
25 1989.

INTRODUCED BILL
HB-447



1 NEW SECTION. Section 5. Submission to electorate.

2 This amendment shall be submitted to the electors of Montana
3 at the general election to be held November 8, 1988, by
4 printing on the ballot the full title of this act and the
5 following:

6 FOR limiting the number of years that can be served
7 in one public office.

8 AGAINST limiting the number of years that can be
9 served in one public office.

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