

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 7CA

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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Committee: Executive Board

1 THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST
2 SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

3 Section 1. At the general election in November 2016 the following
4 proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to
5 the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

6 To amend Article III, sections 7 and 12:

7 III-7 At the general election to be held in November 2020 and every
8 six years thereafter, members of the Legislature representing odd-
9 numbered districts shall be elected for six-year terms, with the manner
10 of such election to be determined by the Legislature. At the general
11 election in November 2022 and every six years thereafter, members of the
12 Legislature representing even-numbered districts shall be elected to
13 terms of six years, with the manner of such election to be determined by
14 the Legislature. Until the general election elections to be held in
15 November 1964 2020 and November 2022, one-half the members of the
16 Legislature, or as nearly thereto as may be practicable, shall be elected
17 for a term of four years and the remainder for a term of two years, and
18 thereafter all members shall be elected for a term of four years in
19 November of every even-numbered year, with the manner of such election to
20 be determined by the Legislature. When the Legislature is redistricted,
21 the members elected prior to the redistricting shall continue in office,
22 and the law providing for such redistricting shall where necessary
23 specify the newly established district which they shall represent for the

1 balance of their term. Each member shall be nominated and elected in a
2 nonpartisan manner and without any indication on the ballot that he or
3 she is affiliated with or endorsed by any political party or
4 organization. Each member of the Legislature shall receive a salary of
5 not to exceed one thousand dollars per month during the term of his or
6 her office. In addition to his or her salary, each member shall receive
7 an amount equal to his or her actual expenses in traveling by the most
8 usual route once to and returning from each regular or special session of
9 the Legislature. Members of the Legislature shall receive no pay nor
10 perquisites other than his or her salary and expenses, and employees of
11 the Legislature shall receive no compensation other than their salary or
12 per diem.

13 III-12 (1) No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the
14 Legislature for ~~four~~ six years next after the expiration of two
15 consecutive terms regardless of the district represented. This section
16 applies to consecutive four-year terms, consecutive six-year terms, and
17 consecutive terms of four years and six years.

18 (2) Service prior to January 1, 2001, as a member of the Legislature
19 shall not be counted for the purpose of calculating consecutive terms in
20 subsection (1) of this section.

21 (3) For the purpose of this section, service in office for more than
22 one-half of a term shall be deemed service for a term.

23 Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors
24 in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI,
25 section 1, with the following ballot language:

26 A constitutional amendment to limit the service of members of the
27 Legislature to two consecutive six-year terms and provide for
28 implementation of six-year terms.

29 For
30 Against.