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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 277		
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6	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA		
7	AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 8, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO EXTEND TERM LIMI		
8	FOR STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND LEGISLATORS FOR AN ADDITIONAL 4 YEARS; AND		
9	PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
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11	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:		
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13	Section 1. Article IV, section 8, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:		
14	"Section 8. Limitation on terms of office. (1) The secretary of state or other authorized official shall		
15	not certify a candidate's nomination or election to, or print or cause to be printed on any ballot the name of a		
16	candidate for, one of the following offices if, at the end of the current term of that office, the candidate will have		
17	served in that office or had he not resigned or been recalled would have served in that office:		
18	(a) 8 12 8 or more years in any 16-year 24-year 16-YEAR period as governor, lieutenant governor,		
19	secretary of state, state auditor, attorney general, or superintendent of public instruction;		
20	(b) 8 12 or more years in any 16-year 24-year period as a state representative;		
21	(c) 8 12 or more years in any 16-year 24-year period as a state senator;		
22	(d) 6 or more years in any 12-year period as a member of the U.S. house of representatives; and		
23	(e) 12 or more years in any 24-year period as a member of the U.S. senate.		
24	(2) When computing time served for purposes of subsection (1), the provisions of subsection (1) do not		
25	apply to time served in terms that end during or prior to January 1993.		
26	(3) Nothing contained herein shall preclude an otherwise qualified candidate from being certified as		
27	nominated or elected by virtue of write-in votes cast for said candidate."		
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29	<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 2. Effective date. This amendment is effective on approval by the electorate.		
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1	NEW S	ECTION. Section 3. Submission to electorate. This amendment shall be submitted to the	
2	qualified electo	rs of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2004 by printing on the ballot the	
3	full title of this act and the following:		
4	[]	FOR extending term limits for statewide elected officials and legislators for an additional 4 years	
5		LEGISLATORS TO 12 YEARS IN A 24-YEAR PERIOD.	
6	[]	AGAINST extending term limits for statewide elected officials and legislators for an additional	
7		4 years LEGISLATORS TO 12 YEARS IN A 24-YEAR PERIOD.	
8		- END -	

