

## HOUSE BILL NO. 164

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN  
5 AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 8, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO REVISE TERM LIMITS  
6 FOR STATE LEGISLATORS TO ALLOW UP TO 12 YEARS IN THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
7 AND 12 YEARS IN THE STATE SENATE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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11 **Section 1.** Article IV, section 8, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

12 **"Section 8. Limitation on terms of office.** (1) The secretary of state or other authorized official shall  
13 not certify a candidate's nomination or election to, or print or cause to be printed on any ballot the name of a  
14 candidate for, one of the following offices if, at the end of the current term of that office, the candidate will have  
15 served in that office or had he not resigned or been recalled would have served in that office:

16 (a) 8 or more years in any 16-year period as governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state  
17 auditor, attorney general, or superintendent of public instruction;

18 (b) ~~8~~ 12 or more years in any ~~16-year~~ 24-year period as a state representative;

19 (c) ~~8~~ 12 or more years in any ~~16-year~~ 24-year period as a state senator;

20 (d) 6 or more years in any 12-year period as a member of the U.S. house of representatives; and

21 (e) 12 or more years in any 24-year period as a member of the U.S. senate.

22 (2) When computing time served for purposes of subsection (1), the provisions of subsection (1) do not  
23 apply to time served in terms that end during or prior to January 1993.

24 (3) Nothing contained herein shall preclude an otherwise qualified candidate from being certified as  
25 nominated or elected by virtue of write-in votes cast for said candidate."

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27 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective upon approval by the electorate.

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29 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Submission to electorate.** [This act] shall be submitted to the qualified  
30 electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2012 by printing on the ballot the full title of

