

HOUSE BILL NO. 418

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 8, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO REVISE TERM LIMITS FOR STATE LEGISLATORS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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

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

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

(b) ~~8~~ subject to the provisions of subsection (2), 12 or more years in any ~~16-year~~ 24-year period as a state representative;

(c) ~~8~~ subject to the provisions of subsection (2), 12 or more years in any ~~16-year~~ 24-year period as a state senator;

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

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

(2) (a) An individual may not be a candidate for the state senate if the individual was a member of the state house of representatives for any part of the legislative term of the members of the state house of representatives that ends in January immediately following the general election at which the individual would be a candidate for the state senate.

(b) An individual may not be a candidate for the state house of representatives if the individual was a member of the state senate for any part of the legislative term of the members of the state house of representatives that ends in January immediately following the general election at which the individual would be a candidate for the state house of representatives.

