65th Legislature

| 1  | HOUSE BILL NO. 626   |
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| 2  | INTRODUCED BY R. SHAW, A. KNUDSEN, S. SALES  |
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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; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."   |
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| 8  | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:  |
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| 10 | Section 1. Article IV, section 8, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:                      |
| 11 | "Section 8. Limitation on terms of office. (1) The secretary of state or other authorized official shall               |
| 12 | not certify a candidate's nomination or election to, or print or cause to be printed on any ballot the name of a       |
| 13 | candidate for, one of the following offices if, at the end of the current term of that office, the candidate will have |
| 14 | served in that office or had he not resigned or been recalled would have served in that office:                        |
| 15 | (a) 8 or more years in any 16-year period as governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state                  |
| 16 | auditor, attorney general, or superintendent of public instruction;  |
| 17 | (b) 8 or more years in any 16-year period as a state representative;   |
| 18 | (c) 8 or more years in any 16-year period as a state senator;  |
| 19 | (b) 16 years as a state representative or a state senator, or both;  |
| 20 | (d)(c) 6 or more years in any 12-year period as a member of the U.S. house of representatives; and                     |
| 21 | (e)(d) 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. Two-thirds vote required. Because [section 1] is a legislative proposal                        |
| 28 | to amend the constitution, Article XIV, section 8, of the Montana constitution requires an affirmative roll call vote  |
| 29 | of two-thirds of all the members of the legislature, whether one or more bodies, for passage.                          |
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| 1 | NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. This amendment is effective upon approval by the                            |
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| 2 | electorate.   |
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| 4 | NEW SECTION. Section 4. Submission to electorate. [This act] shall be submitted to the qualified                    |
| 5 | electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2018 by printing on the ballot the full title of |
| 6 | [this act] and the following:   |
| 7 | [] YES on Constitutional Amendment  |
| 8 | [] NO on Constitutional Amendment   |
| 9 | - END -   |

