

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN
5 AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 7, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW THE
6 LEGISLATURE TO SET TERM LIMITS FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICES AND DISTRICT COURT
7 JUDGES."

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

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11 **Section 1.** Article VII, section 7, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

12 **"Section 7. Terms and pay.** (1) All justices and judges shall be paid as provided by law, but
13 salaries shall not be diminished during terms of office.

14 (2) Terms of office shall be eight years for supreme court justices, six years for district court
15 judges, four years for justices of the peace, and as provided by law for other judges.

16 (3) The legislature may provide for term limits for supreme court justices and district court judges."

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18 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Two-thirds vote required.** Because [section 1] is a legislative proposal
19 to amend the constitution, Article XIV, section 8, of the Montana constitution requires an affirmative roll call vote
20 of two-thirds of all the members of the legislature, whether one of more bodies, for passage.

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22 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Submission to electorate.** [This act] shall be submitted to the qualified
23 electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2024 by printing on the ballot the full title of
24 [this act] and the following:

25 YES on Constitutional Amendment ____.

26 NO on Constitutional Amendment ____.

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