

1 SB191  
2 115311-1  
3 By Senator Marsh (Constitutional Amendment)  
4 RFD: Economic Expansion and Trade  
5 First Read: 12-JAN-10

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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose an amendment to the  
9 Constitution of Alabama of 1901 that would provide  
10 that no person shall be elected to the senate or to  
11 the house of representatives for more than three  
12 full terms in the senate and three full terms in  
13 the house of representatives. Further, the  
14 amendment would provide that an election to the  
15 senate or to the house of representatives for at  
16 least two years would be equivalent to the election  
17 of such person for a full term in such body. The  
18 amendment would provide that service in the senate  
19 and in the house of representatives prior to  
20 November 8, 2006 would not disqualify, in whole or  
21 in part, such person from service in such bodies  
22 following such date.

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24 A BILL  
25 TO BE ENTITLED  
26 AN ACT  
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1           To propose an amendment to the Constitution of  
2           Alabama of 1901 that would provide that (1) no person shall be  
3           elected to the senate or to the house of representatives for  
4           more than three full terms in the senate and three full terms  
5           in the house of representatives, (2) an election to the senate  
6           or to the house of representatives for at least two years  
7           would be equivalent to the election of such person for a full  
8           term in such body, and (3) service in the senate and in the  
9           house of representatives prior to November 8, 2006 would not  
10          disqualify, in whole or in part, such person from service in  
11          such bodies following such date.

12         BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

13                 Section 1. The following amendment to the  
14                 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and  
15                 shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a  
16                 majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in  
17                 accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution  
18                 of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

19                                 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

20                 "No person shall be elected to the senate or to the  
21                 house of representatives for more than three full terms in the  
22                 senate and three full terms in the house of representatives.  
23                 An election to the senate or to the house of representatives  
24                 for at least two years shall be equivalent to the election of  
25                 such person for a full term in such body. Notwithstanding the  
26                 foregoing, service in the senate and in the house of  
27                 representatives prior to November 8, 2006 shall not

1 disqualify, in whole or in part, such person from service in  
2 such bodies following such date."

3 Section 2. This proposed amendment shall be  
4 advertised in every newspaper published within this state  
5 authorized to publish legal advertisements pursuant to Section  
6 6-8-60, Code of Alabama 1975. The costs of such notice shall  
7 be paid in the same manner as other costs of notice related to  
8 a proposed constitutional amendment.

9 Section 3. An election upon the proposed amendment  
10 shall be held in accordance with the provisions of Sections  
11 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now  
12 appearing as Sections 284 and 285 of the Official  
13 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama, 1901, as  
14 amended, and in accordance with the election laws of this  
15 state.

16 Section 4. The appropriate election official shall  
17 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional  
18 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the  
19 following description of the substance or subject matter of  
20 the proposed constitutional amendment:

21 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
22 Alabama of 1901, to provide that no person shall be elected to  
23 the senate or to the house of representatives for more than  
24 three full terms in each body."

25 "Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_\_."

26 This description shall be followed by the following  
27 language:

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"Yes ( ) No ( )."