

1 SB293
2 116580-1
3 By Senators Pittman, Dixon, Glover, Marsh, Beason, French,
4 Sanford, Brooks, Orr, Erwin and Preuitt (Constitutional
5 Amendment)
6 RFD: Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics, and Elections
7 First Read: 19-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 Legislature
11 for more than three full consecutive terms. The
12 amendment would provide that an election to the
13 Senate or to the House of Representatives for at
14 least two years would be equivalent to the election
15 for a full term in such body. The amendment would
16 provide that service in the Senate and in the House
17 of Representatives prior to November 2010, would
18 not disqualify, in whole or in part, such person
19 from service in such bodies following such date.

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21 A BILL
22 TO BE ENTITLED
23 AN ACT
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25 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of
26 Alabama of 1901, that would provide that (1) no person shall
27 be elected to the Senate or to the House of Representatives,

1 or both, for more than three consecutive full terms in the
2 Legislature, (2) an election to the Senate or to the House of
3 Representatives for at least two years would be equivalent to
4 the election of such person for a full term in such body, and
5 (3) service in the Senate or in the House of Representatives
6 prior to November 2010 would not disqualify, in whole or in
7 part, such person from service in such bodies following such
8 date.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

16 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

17 (a) For purposes of this amendment, service in, or
18 election to, the Legislature means service in, or election to,
19 the Alabama Senate or the Alabama House of Representatives, or
20 cumulative service in, or election to, both.

21 (b) No person shall be elected to the Legislature
22 for more than three full consecutive terms. An election to the
23 Senate or to the House of Representatives for at least two
24 years shall be equivalent to the election of such person for a
25 full term in such body. Notwithstanding the foregoing, service
26 in the Senate or in the House of Representatives prior to

1 November 2010 shall not disqualify, in whole or in part, such
2 person from service in such bodies following that date.

3 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
4 shall be held in accordance with the provisions of Sections
5 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now
6 appearing as Sections 284 and 285 of the Official
7 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama, 1901, as
8 amended, and in accordance with the election laws of this
9 state.

10 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
11 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
12 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
13 following description of the substance or subject matter of
14 the proposed constitutional amendment:

15 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
16 Alabama of 1901, to provide that no person shall be elected to
17 either body of the Legislature for more than three consecutive
18 terms, or a combined three consecutive terms in both bodies."

19 "Proposed by Act _____."

20 This description shall be followed by the following
21 language:

22 "Yes () No ()."