

1 HB378  
2 173310-2  
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7 (Constitutional Amendment)  
8 RFD: Constitution, Campaigns and Elections  
9 First Read: 08-MAR-16

8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose an amendment to the  
9 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, that would provide  
10 that no person may be elected to either house of  
11 the Legislature for more than three full terms in  
12 each house. The amendment would provide that an  
13 election to either the Senate or the House of  
14 Representatives in a special election would not be  
15 considered a full term of office.  
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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT  
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21 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of  
22 Alabama of 1901, to provide that no person may be elected to  
23 the House of Representatives for more than three full terms of  
24 office, and no person may be elected to the Senate for more  
25 than three full terms of office; and that an election to the  
26 Senate or an election to the House of Representatives pursuant

1 to a special election would not be considered a full term of  
2 office for purposes of this amendment.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. The following amendment to the  
5 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and  
6 shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a  
7 majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in  
8 accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution  
9 of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

10 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

11 No person may be elected to the Alabama Senate for  
12 more than three full terms of office. No person may be elected  
13 to the Alabama House of Representatives for more than three  
14 full terms of office. An election to either the Senate or the  
15 House of Representatives pursuant to a special election shall  
16 not be deemed a full term.

17 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment  
18 shall be held in accordance with the provisions of Sections  
19 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now  
20 appearing as Sections 284 and 285 of the Official  
21 Recompile of the Constitution of Alabama, 1901, as  
22 amended, and in accordance with the election laws of this  
23 state.

24 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall  
25 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional  
26 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the

1 following description of the substance or subject matter of  
2 the proposed constitutional amendment:

3 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
4 Alabama of 1901, to provide that no person may be elected to  
5 the Alabama Senate and the House of Representatives for more  
6 than three full terms of office in each house.

7 "Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_\_."

8 This description shall be followed by the following  
9 language:

10 "Yes ( ) No ( )."