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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Introduced by: Senators Rusch, Cammack, Kolbeck, Maher, Novstrup, Otten (Ernie), Stalzer, Steinhauer, White, and Youngberg and Representatives Karr, Deutsch, Duvall, Finck, Lesmeister, Qualm, Rasmussen, Ring, and Smith (Jamie)

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the electors at the next general election
2 an amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, related to terms of office
3 for members of the Legislature.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE
5 OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 Section 1. That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendment to
7 Article III, section 6 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in section 2
8 of this Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the electors of the state
9 for approval.

10 Section 2. That Article III, section 6 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be
11 amended to read as follows:

12 § 6. The ~~terms~~ term of office of the members of the Legislature shall be ~~two~~ four years; ~~they~~.
13 The members shall receive for their services the salary fixed by law under ~~the provisions of~~ § 2
14 of article XXI of this Constitution, and five cents for every mile of necessary travel in going to



1 and returning from the place of meeting of the Legislature on the most usual route.

2 ~~No~~ A person may not serve more than ~~four~~ two consecutive terms or a total of eight
3 consecutive years in the senate and more than ~~four~~ two consecutive terms or a total of eight
4 consecutive years in the house of representatives. ~~However, this restriction does not apply to~~
5 ~~partial terms to which a legislator may be appointed~~ The limitation under this section does not
6 include any term for which the Governor made an appointment to fill a vacancy under § 10 of
7 article III of this Constitution.

8 A regular session of the Legislature shall be held each year and shall not exceed forty
9 legislative days, excluding Sundays, holidays, and legislative recess, except in cases of
10 impeachment, ~~and members.~~ Members of the Legislature shall receive no other pay or
11 perquisites except salary and mileage during a regular session.

12 Section 3. Notwithstanding § 2-1-12, the effective date of this amendment is January 1,
13 2023.