

Senate Resolution 734

By: Senator Dugan of the 30th - Prefile

## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that members of the Senate  
2 shall serve four-year terms of office; to provide that members of the Senate shall have limited  
3 terms of office; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this  
4 amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

### 6 SECTION 1.

7 Article III, Section II of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph V as follows:

8 "Paragraph V. *Election and term of members.* (a) The members of the General  
9 Assembly shall be elected by the qualified electors of their respective districts. Members  
10 of the House of Representatives shall serve for a term of two years and shall serve until the  
11 time fixed for the convening of the next General Assembly. Members of the Senate shall  
12 serve for a term of four years and shall serve until the time fixed for the convening of the  
13 next General Assembly.

14 (b) The members of the General Assembly ~~in office on June 30, 1983,~~ elected in the  
15 November, 2014, general election shall serve out the remainder of the terms to which  
16 elected.

17 (c) The first election for members of the ~~General Assembly~~ House of Representatives  
18 under this ~~Constitution~~ Paragraph shall take place on Tuesday after the first Monday in  
19 November, ~~1984~~ 2016, and subsequent elections biennially on that day until the day of  
20 election is changed by law. The first election for members of the Senate under this  
21 Paragraph shall take place on Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2016, and  
22 subsequent elections quadrennially on that day until the day of election is changed by law.

23 (d) Beginning with the members elected in the November, 2016, general election,  
24 members of the Senate shall be limited to the greater of three full terms of office or 14  
25 years in the Senate. The limitation in this subparagraph shall not apply to any term or part  
26 of a term served prior to the second Monday in January, 2017."

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**SECTION 2.**

28 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as  
29 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the  
30 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

31 "( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that members  
32 ( ) NO of the Senate shall serve four-year terms of office and that members of the  
33 Senate shall be limited to the greater of three full terms of office or 14  
34 years?"

35 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

36 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If  
37 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall  
38 become a part of the Constitution of this state.