

State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-FOURTH SESSION
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2009

484Q0678

SENATE STATE AFFAIRS ENGROSSED NO. **SJR 3** - 2/4/2009

Introduced by: Senator Hansen (Tom) and Representative Feinstein

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the electors at the next general election
2 an amendment to Article III, section 6 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota,
3 relating to four-year senatorial terms and term limits.

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



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

2 No person may serve more than ~~four~~ three consecutive terms or a total of ~~eight~~ twelve
3 consecutive years in the senate ~~and, whichever is longer. No person may serve more than four~~
4 six consecutive terms or a total of ~~eight~~ twelve consecutive years in the house of representatives,
5 whichever is longer. However, this restriction does not apply to partial terms to which a
6 legislator may be appointed.

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