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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## HOUSE BILL NO. 33

## AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE DELAWARE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO THE TERMS OF SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE (Two-thirds of all members elected to each house thereof concurring therein):

- 1 Section 1. Amend Article II of the Constitution of the State of Delaware by making deletions as shown by strike
- 2 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:
- 3 <u>§ 2C. Term Limits</u>
- 4 <u>Section 2(C)</u>. Offices of Senators and Representatives.
- 5 Beginning with the Representatives and Senators elected to office in the general election of 2022, no
- 6 Representative or Senator who will have served 20 or more consecutive years in the same chamber of the General
- 7 Assembly as of the conclusion of the expiring term of office shall be eligible to be elected for a seat in that chamber of the
- 8 General Assembly in the following general election. Any year of service that was served prior to the beginning of the term
- 9 of office following the general election of 2022 shall not be included in determining a candidate's eligibility for election as
- 10 <u>a Representative or Senator under this section.</u>

## **SYNOPSIS**

This proposed Constitutional Amendment establishes 20 year term limits for Representatives and Senators beginning with those terms of office elected during the general election of 2022. If a Representative or Senator serves 20 consecutive years in the same office, they would not be eligible for re-election at the next general election for that chamber. Any ineligible candidate would be able to run again for this seat in the general election that follows this term of ineligibility.