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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 484**

Offered January 19, 1995

Proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article IV of the Constitution of Virginia, relating to the qualifications and terms of members of the General Assembly.

Patrons-Newman, Albo, Dudley, Kilgore, Marshall, O'Brien and Wardrup; Senator: Stolle

Referred to Committee on Rules

10 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, a majority of the members elected to 11 each house agreeing, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Virginia be, and the same hereby is, proposed and referred to the General Assembly at its first regular session held after the next 12 general election of members of the House of Delegates for its concurrence in conformity with the 13 provisions of Section 1 of Article XII of the Constitution of Virginia, namely: 14 15

Amend Section 4 of Article IV of the Constitution of Virginia as follows:

ARTICLE IV

## LEGISLATURE

18 Section 4. Qualifications of senators and delegates.

Any person may be elected to the Senate who, at the time of the election, is twenty-one years of age, 19 20 is a resident of the senatorial district which he is seeking to represent, and is qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly. Any person may be elected to the House of Delegates who, at the 21 22 time of the election, is twenty-one years of age, is a resident of the house district which he is seeking to represent, and is qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly. A senator or delegate who 23 24 moves his residence from the district for which he is elected shall thereby vacate his office.

25 No person shall be eligible to be elected to more than three consecutive terms in the Senate. No 26 person shall be eligible to be elected to more than six consecutive terms in the House of Delegates. No person, after serving the maximum number of terms, which shall include any part of a term served, shall 27 28 be eligible for reelection to the same house until he has been out of office for no less than one full 29 term. These limits shall not apply to service for less than one-half of a term of office occasioned by the 30 filling of a vacancy. These limits shall apply to terms of office in the General Assembly beginning on 31 and after January one, nineteen hundred ninety-six.

32 No person holding a salaried office under the government of the Commonwealth, and no judge of 33 any court, attorney for the Commonwealth, sheriff, treasurer, assessor of taxes, commissioner of the revenue, collector of taxes, or clerk of any court shall be a member of either house of the General Assembly during his continuance in office; and his qualification as a member shall vacate any such 34 35 36 office held by him. No person holding any office or post of profit or emolument under the United States 37 government, or who is in the employment of such government, shall be eligible to either house.