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S 1188 Joint Resolution, By Holland, Drummond, Elliott, Mescher, Moore, Passailaigue and Setzler

A Joint Resolution proposing amendments to Article III, Section 7 of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, relating to the qualifications of Senators and members of the House of Representatives, so as to provide that effective immediately upon the ratification into law of this provision, no person who is in the last year of a sixth consecutive term as a member of the House of Representatives, or who is in the last year of a third consecutive term as a member of the Senate, or who has served twelve consecutive years in the General Assembly either as a member of the House of Representatives or the Senate or a combination thereof shall be eligible for a seat in the General Assembly, and to prohibit a member of the General Assembly from being required to vacate his seat during a term for which he was elected; to Article III, Section 9 of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, relating to sessions of the General Assembly, so as to provide that the Senate and the House of Representatives shall by rule provide that during the time period beginning with the convening of the General Assembly until the second Tuesday in February of each year, the consideration of bills shall be limited to statewide bills which have the consent of the entire body and non-statewide bills which have the consent of the affected delegation; to require that rules shall provide that until the second Tuesday in February each body shall have not less than three statewide session days each week, for the passage of consent legislation, until the respective houses resume the consideration of all legislation as provided in the rules of the body; and to further provide that not more than three weeks following the certification of the General Election of members, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall convene their respective bodies for not more than three days for the purpose of the selection of committees, the election of officers, and such other business as may be necessary for the organization of the respective houses; to Article III of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, by adding Sections 15A and 15B, so as to require the House and Senate to give concurrent consideration to the annual general appropriation bill and to provide that an appropriation bill enacted under these provisions will meet the constitutional requirement of Article III Section 18, pertaining to the reading of bills and joint resolutions on three separate days in each house; to Article III, Section 20 of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, relating to elections by the General Assembly, so as to provide that for elections voted on by the General Assembly in Joint Session, no candidate may be elected unless approved by a majority vote of the Senate and a majority vote of the House; and to amend Article XVII of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, by adding Section 15, so as to permit the enactment of laws by initiative petition.

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