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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2‑1‑60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON IS ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IF THAT PERSON HAS SERVED SIX TERMS IN THE SAME BODY, THAT NO PERSON IS ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO THE SENATE IF THAT PERSON HAS SERVED FOUR TERMS IN THE SAME BODY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY TERM SERVED, FOR WHICH THE ELECTION WAS HELD PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2021, MUST NOT BE COUNTED AS A TERM SERVED.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 2 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 Section 2‑1‑60. (A) No person is eligible for election to the House of Representatives if that person has served six terms in the same body, regardless of the district represented.

 (B) No person is eligible for election to the Senate if that person has served four terms in the same body, regardless of the district represented.

 (C) For purposes of this section, any term served, for which the election was held prior to January 1, 2021, must not be counted as a term served.

 (D) For purposes of this section, service in office for more than one half of a term must be deemed service for a term.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon ratification of an amendment to Section 7, Article III of the Constitution of this State authorizing the General Assembly to provide term limitations for its members by statute.

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