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MEMORANDUM

To:

Members of the House of Representatives

From:

Representative Jaret Gibbons

Date:

January 20, 2011

Subject:

Co-Sponsorship of a Constitutional Amendment increasing term lengths

for the General Assembly and instituting term limits

In the near future, I plan to re-introduce legislation (former HB 1568 of 2009) that would amend Pennsylvania's Constitution by increasing the length of terms for members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Senate. In addition, my bill would place term limits on the number of successive terms a member of the General Assembly could serve in each chamber.

Specifically, this proposal would increase the length of the term for a Representative in the General Assembly to four years and place half of the House districts on the ballot for election every two years. Representatives would be limited to three successive terms for a total of 12 years of service. Additionally, the Senate would see the length of its terms increased to six years. Senators would be limited to two successive terms also for a total of 12 years of service.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this important piece of legislation, please contact Susan Finger in my office at (717) 705-2060 (in-house ext. 6626) or SFinger@pahouse.net. Thank you!