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Sponsor Statement **House Joint Resolution 27**

CONST. AM: TERM LIMITS OF LEGISLATORS

House Joint Resolution 27 sets term limits for Legislators in the Alaska House and Senate. An Alaskan is eligible to serve continuously for up to eight years in one legislative body. After eight years in that legislative body, the individual would be required to take a break in service from that body. That person would be eligible to serve a subsequent eight years in the other body, take a one-term break from the original body, or retire from public legislative service.

Alaskans are represented by a citizen legislature, and as such, it is imperative to ensure that legislative representation reflects, as much as possible, the interests and professions of all Alaskans. Limiting the length of continuous service will allow more Alaskans the opportunity to serve the Alaskan public in the state legislature. Requiring breaks in service will also promote the regular infusion of fresh perspectives and ideas into the legislative process.

Alaskan voters, through the initiative process, have already voted to support term limits for Congressional and Senate seats. Fifteen states currently have term limits, and the Governor of Alaska is prohibited against serving more than two full successive terms.

HJR 27 will not affect the terms of current legislators, or the term of any legislator subject to re-election in 2018 even if such terms would result in a length of continuous services provided for in HJR 27.

Please join me in supporting a dynamic and effective legislature through implementation of term limits by supporting House Joint Resolution 27.