

**RESOLUTION LIMITING NUMBER OF
GOVERNOR'S TERMS**

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Carlene M. Walker

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to modify the qualifications for the office of governor.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to:

- ▶ prohibit a person from being elected to the office of governor more than twice.

Special Clauses:

This resolution directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters.

This resolution provides a contingent effective date of January 1, 2007 for this proposal.

Utah Constitution Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, two-thirds of all members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof:

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution Article VII, Section 3, to read:

Article VII, Section 3. [Qualifications of officers.]

(1) (a) To be eligible for the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor a person shall be 30 years of age or older at the time of election.

(b) A person may not be elected to the office of Governor more than twice.



28 (2) To be eligible for the office of Attorney General a person shall be 25 years of age or
29 older, at the time of election, admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the State of
30 Utah, and in good standing at the bar.

31 (3) To be eligible for the office of State Auditor or State Treasurer a person shall be 25
32 years of age or older at the time of election.

33 (4) No person is eligible to any of the offices provided for in Section 1 unless at the
34 time of election that person is a qualified voter and has been a resident citizen of the state for
35 five years next preceding the election.

36 Section 2. **Submittal to voters.**

37 The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the voters of
38 the state at the next regular general election in the manner provided by law.

39 Section 3. **Effective date.**

40 If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those
41 voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on January 1,
42 2007.

Legislative Review Note
as of 1-26-05 12:00 PM

Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

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State Impact

It is estimated that publication and distribution costs to put this resolution on the ballot will be \$11,500 from the General Fund.

	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$11,500	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$11,500	\$0	\$0

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst