

Term Limits

Where did term limits come from?

An initiated constitutional amendment petition placed the question of term limits on the general election ballot in 1992. Sixty-four percent of the state's voters approved amending our state constitution to provide term limits for state legislators, constitutional officers and congressmen and women. The constitution already contained a term limit provision for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Subsequent court rulings have found that term limits for Congress are unconstitutional and therefore unenforceable.

The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Auditor, State Treasurer and Commissioner of School and Public Lands are limited to two consecutive four year terms. Legislators are limited to four consecutive two-year terms as a state representative or state senator.

Who is term limited out in 2008?

The following legislators are prohibited from running again for their same seat. They would be permitted to run for a seat in the other house of the legislature.

Senators: Jerry Apa, Brock Greenfield, Gil Koetzle, Royal "Mac" McCracken, Ed Olson and Dan Sutton

Representatives: James Bradford, Burt Elliott, Margaret Gillespie, Mary Glenski, Dale Hargens, Phyllis Heinemann, Al Koistinen, Gordon Pederson, Larry Rhoden, David Sigdestad, Donald Van Etten, Thomas Van Norman and Hal Wick