FY 2018 NEW YORK STATE EXECUTIVE BUDGET

IMPOSE TERM LIMITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT
Purpose:

This bill would amend the New York State Constitution, subject to voter approval, to create four-year legislative terms for members of the Senate and the Assembly and impose eight-year term limits for legislative members and statewide officials.

Summary of Provisions and Statement in Support:

Current term limits require members of the Legislature to seek re-election every two years, however there are no limits on the number of terms they may seek. This constitutional amendment would create four-year legislative terms for members of the Senate and the Assembly and a two-term limit.

This constitutional amendment would also create a two-term limit for the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor; the Office of Comptroller and the Attorney General.

These provisions would become effective at the first election of these positions after the amendments go into effect.

Budget Implications:

Enactment of this bill is necessary to implement the FY 2018 Executive Budget.

Effective Date:

This amendment to the State Constitution would be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the next succeeding general election of members of the Assembly and Senate. If approved, this amendment would be submitted to voters at the next general election.