

FY 2019 NEW YORK STATE EXECUTIVE BUDGET

**TERM LIMITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

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A BUDGET BILL submitted by the Governor in
Accordance with Article VII of the Constitution

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing amendments to articles 3,
4 and 5 of the constitution, in
relation to term limits for members
of the legislature, the governor,
lieutenant-governor, comptroller
and attorney general

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 establish a two-term limit.

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

These provisions would be applied to the first election of these positions after this bill goes into effect.

Budget Implications:

Enactment of this bill is necessary to implement the FY 2019 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.