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Bill Summary

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Section

- 1 **Constitutional amendment.** Amends the constitution to provide four-year terms for representatives as well as senators. Requires that as nearly as possible, (1) half the members of the house and the senate are to be elected from odd-numbered districts at the first election after reapportionment to serve to two-year terms and (2) half are to be elected from even-numbered districts for four-year terms. Legislators will then continue being elected in this 2-4-4 or 4-4-2 pattern until the next redistricting.
- 2 **Question.** Provides for the question to be submitted at the 2002 election. States the question: Should the constitution provide staggered four-year terms for representatives and senators?