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### Overview

Proposes a constitutional amendment to provide staggered terms of office for Senators.

#### Section

- 1** **Constitutional amendment.** Provides that after each new legislative redistricting, Senators elected from odd-numbered districts will be elected for two-year terms. The effect of this is that half of the Senate would be up for election at each state general election.
- 2** **Question.** To be submitted at the 2006 general election. Makes the new system take effect at 2010 election.