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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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LAST UPDATED _____ HJR 13
SHORT TITLE State Legislator Term Limits, CA SB _____
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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY10	FY11	FY12	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$5.0		\$5.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Attorney General (AGO)

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 13 proposes to amend Article 4, Section 4 of the State Constitution. The substantive change in the proposed amendment limits the number of consecutive terms that state legislators may serve. It limits state senators to serving three consecutive terms and state representatives to serving six consecutive terms.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be a minimal administrative cost for statewide update, distribution and documentation of statutory changes. Any additional fiscal impact on the judiciary would be proportional to the enforcement of this law and commenced prosecutions. New laws, amendments to existing laws and new hearings have the potential to increase caseloads in the courts, thus requiring additional resources to handle the increase.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The proposed amendment would limit consecutive terms for state legislators. The attendant debate on term limits focuses on experience and institutional memory in favor of long term legislators while the emphasis is on experience outside the institution and fresh perspectives in favor of term limits.

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