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Below is our final language for Initiative #43, a proposed constitutional amendment to qualify by petition for the November 2008 ballot. It reflects no changes except those made in response to staff suggestions at the legislative review and comment meeting on October 16, 2007. Thank you for your consideration.

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Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

Section 1. Article VI of the constitution of the state of Colorado is amended by the addition of a new section to read:

Section 27. Terms of office - limit of terms. (1) FOR ALL SUPREME COURT JUSTICES, DISTRICT COURT JUDGES, AND COUNTY COURT JUDGES, AND ANY OTHER STATE COURT JUDGES WITH JURISDICTION INFERIOR TO THE SUPREME COURT AS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF THIS ARTICLE, RETAINED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2010, THE FULL TERM OF OFFICE SHALL BE FOUR YEARS.

(2) A SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT OF DENVER, JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT OF DENVER, OR COUNTY COURT JUDGE, OR ANY OTHER STATE COURT JUDGE WITH JURISDICTION INFERIOR TO THE SUPREME COURT AS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF THIS ARTICLE, RETAINED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2010, SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO SERVE MORE THAN THREE FULL TERMS AT THE SAME JUDICIAL LEVEL AFTER JANUARY 1, 2010. THE PROVISIONAL TERM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 20 OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL NOT COUNT AS A FULL TERM.

(3) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ENACT IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION FOR THIS SECTION.

Section 2. Repeal. Section 7 of article VI of the constitution of the state of Colorado is repealed as follows:

Section 7. Term of office. ~~The full term of office of justices of the supreme court shall be ten years.~~

Section 3. Section 10 (2) of article VI of the constitution of the state of Colorado is amended to read:

Section 10. Judicial districts - district judges. (2) In each judicial district there shall be one or more judges of the district court. ~~The full term of office of a district judge shall be six years.~~

Section 4. Section 16 of article VI of the constitution of the state of Colorado is amended to read:

Section 16. County judges - terms - qualifications. In each county there shall be one or more judges of the county court as may be provided by law, ~~whose full term of office shall be four years, and~~ whose qualifications shall be prescribed by law. County judges shall be qualified electors of their counties at the time of their election or appointment.