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Honorable Monae L. Johnson
Secretary of State
500 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Draft Attorney General's Statement (An Amendment to the South Dakota
Constitution Revising Legislative Term Limits)

Dear Secretary Johnson,

Enclosed is a copy of a proposed constitutional amendment, in final form, that the sponsor submitted to this Office. In accordance with state law, I hereby file the enclosed *draft* Attorney General's Statement for the purposes of receiving public comment on the same.

By copy of this letter, I am providing a copy of the *draft* Statement to the sponsor.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marty Jackley".

Marty J. Jackley
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Enc.

Cc/encl: Senator Brent Hoffman
Reed Holwegner – Legislative Research Council

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

DRAFT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S STATEMENT

Title: An Amendment to the South Dakota Constitution Revising Legislative Term Limits.

Explanation:

Members of the South Dakota Legislature are limited by the State Constitution to four consecutive terms of service, or eight consecutive years, in either the House of Representatives or the Senate. Currently, a legislator can serve an indefinite number of years in the Legislature if a break in service occurs in either chamber.

The proposed amendment limits legislators to serving a lifetime total of eight years in the State House of Representatives and a total of eight years in the State Senate.