



## 1851 CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

August 28, 2015

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Hon. Mike DeWine  
Ohio Attorney General  
State Office Tower  
30 E. Broad Street, 17th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Attorney General DeWine:

Pursuant to R.C. 3519.01, please find enclosed (1) an Initial Petition consisting of 153 part-petitions containing 1,742 signatures of purported qualified Ohio electors, (2) the full text of a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution (entitled "Strengthening Term Limits on State Legislators"), and (3) a proposed summary of the law for your examination and certification.

The Committee to Represent the Petitioners requests to be provided with a summary tally sheet that shows the number of signatures submitted to each county board of election for verification and the number of signatures that each county board of election verified.

Please direct all correspondence related to the Petition to the members of the Committee to Represent the Petitioners:

*Raymond E. Warrick*  
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*Ronald C. Alban*  
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And also to their legal counsel:

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Respectfully submitted,

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**Exhibit A**

**Text of Proposed Constitutional Amendment, to be Section 43, Article II, of the Ohio Constitution:**

**ARTICLE II**

**Strengthening Term Limits on State Legislators**

**Section 43 (A)** No person shall hold any combination of elected legislative offices for greater than twelve years.

**Section 43 (B)** No person shall hold the same elected legislative office for greater than eight years.

**Section 43 (C)** No person shall hold an elected legislative office if the term limits in Divisions (A) and (B) of this Amendment would forbid that person from completing the full term for that office.

**Section 43 (D)** This Section shall not be construed to (1) permit any person to serve greater than eight years in either the House of Representatives or the Senate; or (2) apply retroactively.

**Section 43 (E)** No other provision of the Ohio Constitution shall impair the limits contained herein.

**Section 43 (F)** This Amendment shall take effect on January 1 of the year subsequent to its approval.

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**Exhibit B**

**Text of Proposed Summary of Constitutional Amendment:**

SUMMARY

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The proposed amendment would provide that, in Ohio:

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2. No person shall hold the same elected legislative office for greater than eight years.
3. No person shall hold an elected legislative office if the term limits in this Amendment would forbid that person from completing the full term for that office.
4. No other provision of the Ohio Constitution shall impair the limits contained in this Section.

The proposed amendment would not:

1. Increase the number of consecutive terms by which a person may hold any legislative office.
2. Apply to past legislative terms served.



Issued to: Patricia Zastrow  
(name of circulator)

County: Adams 1

## INITIATIVE PETITION

Amendment to the Constitution

Proposed by Initiative Petition

To be submitted directly to the electors

### Amendment

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#### CERTIFICATION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

This Certification of the Attorney General, pursuant to R.C. 3519.0(A), will be inserted when it is provided. This initial petition must be submitted with at least one thousand (1,000) valid signatures of Ohio electors before the Attorney General will issue that certification.

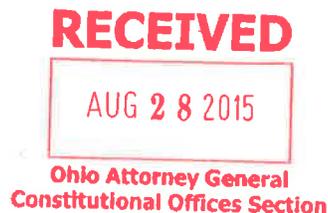
#### COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following people are designated as the committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

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## FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT

Be it resolved by the people of the State of Ohio that Article II, Section 43 of the Ohio Constitution be adopted and read as follows:

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**STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR**

I, Patricia Zastrow, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 1 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

Scott Tillman

5388 Mildred Ave S.E. Kentwood, MI 49508 (Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code *if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.*)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification in accordance with section 3501.38 of the Revised Code that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

(Signed) Patricia Zastrow

(Address of circulator's permanent residence) 1379 Beaver Rd  
(Number and Street)

Kawkawlin, MI 48631  
(City, State and Zip Code)

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION  
IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.**