

# **One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LR7CA**

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**Chairperson: Senator Bob Krist**

**Committee: Executive Board**

**Date of Hearing: February 23, 2015**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Two four-year legislative terms can be problematic in that there is not sufficient time for legislators to develop the expertise and institutional memory to deal with many of the issues the Legislature faces. In addition, since the implementation of legislative term limits and the ensuing rapid turnover in the Legislature, the cost of legislative races has risen dramatically in many cases. In many other deliberative bodies, such as the Board of Regents and U.S. Senate, a six-year term is an accepted and functional term.

With the limitations placed on the initiative petition process it is difficult for the people to make adjustments to the Constitution. LR7CA would give the people an opportunity to make an adjustment should they decide to do so. The proposal is structured so that no current member of the Legislature would benefit should the voters approve it.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Paul Schumacher**