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Introduced by Representatives Rosenquist of Georgia, Gamache of Swanton,  
Goslant of Northfield, LaClair of Barre Town, and Morgan of  
Milton

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Elections; conduct of elections; legislative elections; term limits

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require  
legislative canvassing committees to declare a vacancy if the person receiving  
the largest number of votes will exceed a term limit of five terms in the  
legislative chamber for which the person received the largest number of votes  
or a total of 16 years of combined service in both legislative chambers.

An act relating to imposing legislative term limits

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2592 is amended to read:

§ 2592. CANVASSING COMMITTEES; CANVASS OF VOTES IN

GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTIONS

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(c) For State Senator, the senatorial district clerk and the chair of the  
county committee of each major political party (or designee) in the county for

1 which the senatorial district clerk is clerk shall constitute a canvassing  
2 committee to receive and tally returns and issue certificates.

3 (d) For State Representative, the representative district clerk and one other  
4 election official from the district shall serve as a canvassing committee to  
5 receive and, if necessary, tally returns and issue certificates.

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7 (h)(1) ~~The~~ Except as provided in subsection (k) of this section, the  
8 canvassing committee shall declare the person receiving the largest number of  
9 votes for each office to be elected, and it shall issue a certificate of election,  
10 signed by a majority of the canvassing committee, in substantially the  
11 following form:

12 \* \* \*

13 (j) The certificate shall be a sufficient credential of such person's election,  
14 unless superseded by a court order as provided by subchapter 9 of this chapter.

15 (k)(1)~~(A)~~ In the case of the State offices, the canvassing committee shall  
16 prepare a certificate of election but shall not sign it.

17 ~~(2)(B)~~ The prepared certificate shall be presented to the official  
18 canvassing committee appointed by the General Assembly, pursuant to  
19 Chapter II, § 47 of the ~~Constitution of the State of Vermont~~ Constitution, for  
20 their use if they desire.

