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Overview

Proposes a constitutional amendment that would replace the Senate and House of Representatives with a single-house legislature, effective with legislators whose terms begin in 2007. Legislators would be elected to two-year terms.

Section

- 1 **Constitutional amendment.** Proposes an amendment to the constitution that would replace the two houses of the legislature with a single-house legislature. Legislators would be elected to two-year terms.
- 2 **Ballot question.** States the question for voters at the 2002 general election: whether the constitution should be amended to replace the House and Senate with a single-house legislature, beginning in 2007.
- 434 **Number of members.** Amends the statutes. Sets the number of legislators, by law, at 134.
- 5 **Effective date.** Makes the changes effective for legislators whose terms begin in 2007 and thereafter, if the amendment is ratified by the voters.