

# Bills in the News: Term Limits

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In this occasional post, we feature topics receiving widespread media coverage, tips for finding bills filed during the 83rd legislative session, and related resources.

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Statewide elected officials in Texas currently are not subject to term limits, nor are state legislators. A handful of bills have been introduced in the 83rd Legislature that would impose term limits on some state offices.

## Bill search

To find proposed legislation and proposed constitutional amendments filed during the 83rd Legislature about term limits, use "[TERMLIMITS \(S0105\)](#)." Related subject searches that may be of interest are "[Elections--Candidates \(I0280\)](#)" and "[State Officers \(I0761\)](#)."

## Resources

Recent news articles have tracked proposed legislation that would institute term limits.

- "[Talk of Term Limits is Back, with Tea Party Support](#)," *Texas Tribune*, December 17, 2012.
- "[No limits: In Texas, officials can stay as long as voters will have them](#)," KXAN.com, February 7, 2013.
- "[Conservatives Revive Proposals for Term Limits](#)," *New York Times*, March 7, 2013.
- "[Term Limits for Some](#)," *Texas Monthly*, March 19, 2013.

Terms of office for the [Governor](#), state [Senators](#), and state [Representatives](#) can be

found in the Texas Constitution.

The Secretary of State provides a [current list](#) of statewide elected officials and when their terms expire.

The National Conference of State Legislatures [NCSL] has created a [state-by-state chart](#) of term limits for legislators. NCSL also tracks [filed state legislation](#) on term limits.

The Council of State Governments' *Book of the States 2012* provides a [state-by-state table](#) of constitutional and statutory provisions related to executive terms of office and term limits.