

Missouri Survey of 500 Likely Voters
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1* Currently, the state of Missouri allows an individual to serve eight years in the state senate and 8 years in the state House of Representatives. A proposal has been made that would allow an individual to serve 16 years in the state Senate or 16 years in the state House. Do you favor or oppose a proposal that would allow an individual to serve 16 years in either the State House or Senate?

13% Favor
77% Oppose
10% Not sure

2* Suppose that a candidate voted for a measure allowing an individual to serve 16 years in either the state house or the state senate. Would that make you more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely to vote for that candidate or would it have no impact on your vote?

9% More likely
51% Less likely
37% It would have no impact on your vote
3% Not sure

3* In thinking about term limits for state legislators, what is the maximum amount of time someone should be allowed to serve in either the state House or the state Senate—2 years, 4 years, 6 years, 8 years, 12 years, 16 years, or should there not be any limits?

11% Two years
28% Four years
15% Six years
26% Eight years
4% Twelve years
7% Sixteen years
5% There should be no limits
4% Not sure

4* Think for a moment about politicians who want to change the law so that anyone can serve up to 16 years in the Missouri House or the Missouri Senate. Are they primarily interested in better government or keeping themselves in power?

9% They are primarily interested in better government
78% They are primarily interested in keeping themselves in power
15% Not sure

5* Now I'm going to read you a short list of statements. For each please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each statement?

First.... Once someone is in office a long time, they start looking out for themselves and their friends more than the interests of the people?

70% Agree
12% Disagree
17% Not sure

6* Next... Special interests hate term limits because they can't get their hand-picked friends in office and keep them there?

72% Agree

11% Disagree

18% Not sure

NOTE: Margin of Sampling Error, +/- 4.5 percentage points with a 95% level of confidence