JOINT RESOLUTION LEG-002/2019 OF ATLEAST TWO-THIRDS OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE LIBERIAN SENATE AND THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 54TH LEGISLATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA ON THREE PROPOSITIONS TO AMEND ARTICLES 28, 45, 47, 48, 49 50, & 83(a) OF THE 1986 CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

We, Members of the Liberian Senate and House of Representatives, having met the requirements of the Constitution of Liberia, have resolved to propose and do hereby propose the amendment of the below described and mentioned Articles of the 1986 Constitution of Liberia for reasons set forth below each proposal, as follows:

PROPOSITION #1 : To amend Article 28 of the Constitution to provide for the inalienability of the citizenship of natural born citizens of Liberia (Dual Citizenship)

Article 28 Reads:

Any person, at least one of whose parents was a citizen of Liberia at the time of the person's birth, shall be a citizen of Liberia; provided that any such person shall upon reaching maturity renounce any other citizenship acquired by virtue of one parent being a citizen of another country. No citizen of the Republic shall be deprived citizenship or nationality except as provided for by law; and no person shall be denied the right to change citizenship or nationality.

Suggested Amendment to Article 28:

Any person, at least one of whose parents was a citizen of Liberia at the time of the person's birth, shall be a natural born citizen of Liberia; a natural born citizen's right to citizenship of Liberia is inherent and inalienable; no law shall be enacted or regulation promulgated which deprives a natural born citizen of the Republic of his/her citizenship right; and any law or regulation which alienates or deprives a natural born citizen of his/her Liberian citizenship right is null and void ab initio.

A natural born citizen of Liberia may hold another/additional citizenship but shall not qualify for elected national or public service positions and the following appointive positions:

1. Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of Liberia;
2. Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers;
3. All Heads of Autonomous Commissions, Agencies and Nonacademic/Research/Scientific Institutions;
4. Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiaries; and
5. Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of Liberia;

A Liberian with dual citizenship shall have certain rights, including the right to hold elected national or public service positions and all appointive positions if he relinquishes the other citizenship.

The Legislature shall enact laws on the process by which natural born citizens of Liberia who have obtained additional citizenship, will maintain all of the rights pertaining to their Liberian citizenship.

Reason for Proposed Amendment:

As a consequence of the civil war, hundreds of Liberians fled Liberia as refugees, assumed residency in other countries and obtained citizenship of other countries. Many obtained citizenship because that was the only way for them to get certain jobs or to enjoy certain opportunities, such as education. Most of these Liberians also had children and continue to have children, who are automatically citizens of the countries of their birth.
Whatever the circumstance of these Liberians may be, one thing that is certain is that their loyalty to their motherland remains unquestionable; they continue to provide support to relatives and friends and to remain connected to their motherland through financial remittances. They continue to cling to the belief that they will be able to enjoy all the rights and privileges of Liberian citizenship, such as inheriting real property from their parents and being able to return to their motherland and be accepted and regarded as natural born citizens, not as foreigners. This amendment of the Constitution will enthuse all natural born Liberians to invest in Liberia and will give them hope of a permanent home in their motherland. To ensure that the loyalty of these Liberians will not be questioned, they are prohibited from holding certain positions in the Government of Liberia.

PROPOSITION #2 : Reduction of Tenure of the President, the Vice President & Members of the Legislature

1. **To amend Article 45 of the Constitution to provide for three to reduce the term of Senators from nine (9) years to seven (7) years:**

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1	[illegible]	Grd. Cape Mount Co.	20/09/19
2	PETER S. COLEMAN	Gr. Kru Co	20/09/19
3	Sando Johnson	Bomi County	20-9-19
4	Henrique Tokpa	Bong county	20-20-19
5	Armah Zoli Jallah	Gbarpolu Co	20/20/19
6	Jim W. Tomonlah	Margibi Co.	20/09/2019
7	George T. Tembeh	Lofa County	20/09/2019
8	Daniel F. Naatehn	Gbarpolu	20/09/19
9	G. Alphonso Gaye	Grand Gedeh	20/09/19
10	Abraham Darius Dillon	MONTSERRADO	20/09/19
11	Stephen Jeff. ZARGO	LOFA County	22/09/19
12	[illegible]	Bomi County	22/09/19
13	Matthew N. Jaye	R/Gee Co	22/9/19
14	Augustine S. Chea	Sinoe County	22/09/19
16	H. Dan Morais	Maryland	20/09/19
17	[illegible]	R/Gee County	20/09/19
18	Bonsethen L. Kaipay	Grand Bassa	23/09/19
19	Sarah H. Joseph	Mont. Co	23-09-19
20	J. Milton Teahjay	SINOE COUNTY	09-23-19
21	Dallas A.V. Gueh	R/Cen	23/09/19
22	[illegible]	Nimba County	23/09/19
23	A. Marshall Dennis	Grand Gedeh County	23/09/19
24	Nyonsee Lawrence [illegible]	Grand Bassa	23/09/19
25	Jim W. Tomonlah	Margibi Co	24/09/19
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28	Commany B. Wesseh	River Gee County	23/09/19
29	ALBERT T. CHIE	GRAND KRU	23/09/19
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4	Gbelahu Bro	[illegible]	Maryland	23/09/19
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7	[illegible]	George T. [illegible]	Lofa	"
8	Francis S. Page	[illegible]	R/Cess County	23/09/19
9	[illegible]	[illegible]	MB/Co	20/09/19
10	Sgah H. Joseph	[illegible]	Mont. Co.	23-09-19
11	J. Milton Teahjay	[illegible]	SINOE	23-09-19
12	Jonathan L. Kaspar	[illegible]	Bassa	23/09/19
13	[illegible]	[illegible]	R/Cess	23/09/19
14	Sando D. Johnson	[illegible]	Bomi	23/09-19
15	Sen. Prince Johnson	[illegible]	Nimba County	23/09/19
16	SEN. S. J. H. ZARGO	[illegible]	LOFA	" " "
17	Henrique Tokpa	[illegible]	Bong	23/09/19
18	A. Marshall Dennis	[illegible]	Grand Gedeh	23/09/19
19	Daniel F. Naatchin	[illegible]	Gbarpolu	23/09/19
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President of Liberia, which will be five **(5)** years instead of six (6) years as provided for by Article 50 of the Constitution. In addition to this, the amendment takes into consideration that as the civil war caused migration of citizens from counties other than Montserrado to Montserrado, the resident population densities of other counties have decreased. Consequently, the number of legislative constituencies based on population densities of counties, as envisaged by the 1986 Constitution, has decreased. To address this anomaly, legislative constituencies are now based on Joint Resolution of the Legislature, not the Constitution; and this Joint Resolution mandates a minimum three **(3)** legislative constituencies for each county. It is the wisdom of this Joint Resolution which is being proposed to a constitutional amendment to provide that notwithstanding the resident population density of a county, it shall not have less than three **(3)** legislative constituencies.

4. To amend Article 49 of the Constitution to provide for the election of a Speaker, Deputy Speaker and other officers of the House of Representatives:

Article 49 Reads:

The House of Representative shall elect once every six years a Speaker who shall be the presiding officer of that body, a Deputy Speaker, and such other officers as shall ensure the proper functioning of the House. The Speaker, the Deputy Speaker and other officers so elected may be removed from office for cause by resolution of a two-thirds majority of the members of the House.

Suggested amendment for Article 49

The House of Representative shall elect once every five (**5**) years a Speaker who shall be the presiding officer of that body, a Deputy Speaker, and such other officers as shall ensure the proper functioning of the House. The speaker, the Deputy Speaker and other officers so elected may be removed from office for cause by resolution of a two-thirds majority of the members of the House.

Reason for proposed Amendment:

This proposed amendment merely makes the term of office of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and other officers of the House of Representatives to be the same as the term for the Members of the House of Representatives – five **(5)** years

5. **To amend Article 50 of the Constitution to provide for the reduction in the tenure of the President:**

Article 50 Reads:

The Executive Power of the Republic shall be vested in the President who shall be Head of State, Head of Government and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Liberia. The President shall be elected by universal adult suffrage of registered voters in the Republic and shall hold office for a term of six years commencing at noon on the third working Monday in January of the year immediately following the elections. No person shall serve as President for more than two terms.

Suggested amendment for Article 50

The Executive Power of the Republic shall be vested in the President who shall be Head of State, Head of Government and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Liberia. The President shall be elected by universal adult suffrage of registered voters in the Republic and shall hold office for a term of five (**5**) years commencing at noon on the third working Monday in January of the year immediately following the elections. No person shall serve as President for more than two terms.

Reason for proposed Amendment:

This proposed amendment reduces the term of office of the President from six (6) years to five (5) years. It should be recalled that for many decades the term of office was as many four (4) years as the people elected the person to be President. President Tolbert had the 1847 Constitution amended to provide for one eight-year term. The 1986 Constitution provides for two six-year terms but in most parts of the world, especially Africa, it is two five-year terms. This amendment proposes to comply with this generally accepted term limit of five (5) years for a President for a maximum of two (2) terms.

PROPOSITION #3 : Change in the Date of General Election

To amend Article 83**(a)** of the Constitution to change the date for General Elections from October **(the rainy season)** to November **(the dry season)**:

The Senate shall elect once every five (**5**) years a President Pro Tempore who shall preside in the absence of the President of the Senate, and such other officers as shall ensure the proper functioning of the Senate. The President Pro Tempore and other officers so elected may be removed from office for cause by resolution of a two-thirds majority of the members of the Senate.

Reason for proposed Amendment:

The term of office for the President Pro tempore and other officers of the Senate should be the same as the term of office of the President and Members of the House of Representatives to be in harmony with the beginning of each Legislative Session.

3. To amend Article 48 of the Constitution to provide for the reduction in the tenure of Members of the House of Representatives:

Article 48 Reads:

The House of Representatives shall be composed of members elected for a term of six years by the registered voters in each of the legislative constituencies of the counties, but a member of the House of Representatives elected in a by-election to fill a vacancy created by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be elected to serve only the remainder of the unexpired term of the office. Members of the House of Representatives shall be eligible for re-election.

Suggested amendment for Article 48

The House of Representatives shall be composed of members elected for a term of five (**5**) years by the registered voters in each of the legislative constituencies of the counties, but a member of the House of Representatives elected in a by-election to fill a vacancy created by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be elected to serve only the remainder of the unexpired term of the office. Members of the House of Representatives shall be eligible for re-election.

Reason for proposed Amendment:

Reduction of the term of office for the House of Representatives from six **(6)** years to five **(5)** years is necessary so that that term is the same as the term of office for the

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SCHEDULE OF HOUSE'S ENROLLED BILL NO. 20 ENTITLED:

"JOINT RESOLUTION LEG-002/2019 OF AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE LIBERIAN SENATE AND THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 54TH LEGISLATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA ON THREE PROPOSITIONS TO AMEND ARTICLES 28, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50 & 83 (a) & (e) OF THE 1986 CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA"

PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA FOR EXECUTIVE APPROVAL

APPROVED THIS: 4th DAY OF October A.D. 2019

AT THE HOUR OF 11:50 Am

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

Article 45 Reads:

The Senate shall composed of Senators elected for a term of nine years by the registered voters in each of the counties, but a Senator elected in a by-election to fill a vacancy created by death, resignation, expulsion or otherwise, shall be so elected to serve only the remainder of the unexpired term of office. Each county shall elect two Senators and each Senator shall have one vote in the Senate. Senators shall be eligible for re-election.

Suggested amendment for Article 45

The Senate shall be composed of Senators elected for a term of seven (**7**) years by the registered voters in each of the counties, but a Senator elected in a by-election to fill a vacancy created by death, resignation, expulsion or otherwise, shall be so elected to serve only the remainder of the unexpired term of office. Each county shall elect two Senators and each Senator shall have one vote in the Senate. Senators shall be eligible for re-election.

Immediately upon the passage of this amendment and its printing into handbills, all Senators shall be elected for the term of seven (**7**) years.

Reason for proposed Amendment:

The current nine-year term for a Senator is too long. It is so long that a child born in the year in which a Senator is first inducted into office will be eligible to vote **(18 years)** when that Senator's second term expires. A long term does not incentivize a Senator to perform well, especially during his second term. Reducing the term to seven **(7)** years therefore seems appropriate to address those concerns.

2. **To amend Article 47 of the Constitution to provide for election of a President Pro tempore for a term of five years:**

Article 47 Reads:

The Senate shall elect once every six years a President Pro Tempore who shall preside in the absence of the President of the Senate, and such other officers as shall ensure the proper functioning of the Senate. The President Pro Tempore and other officers so elected may be removed from office for cause by resolution of a two-theirs majority of the members of the Senate.