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Term Limits in Colorado

Term limits are set in the Colorado Constitution for elected officials at the congressional, state, and local governmental levels. The table below shows the office and the effective date for the start of term limits, the number of consecutive terms that may be served, and the number of years that these limits represent. This reference will provide a list of state legislators impacted by Colorado term limitations.

Office	Number of Consecutive Terms that May Be Served <sup>1</sup>	Number of Years in that Office <sup>2</sup>
<b>Congressional</b> (Effective 1-1-95):		
U.S. Senate	2 terms	12 years
U.S. House of Representatives	3 terms	6 years
State limits on congressional terms were struck down by the United States Supreme Court in <i>US Term Limits, Inc. v. Thornton</i> , 115 S. Ct. 1842 (1995).		
<b>State Legislature</b> (Effective 1-1-91):		
Colorado Senate	2 terms	8 years
Colorado House of Representatives	4 terms	8 years
<b>State Executive Department</b> (Effective 1-1-91):		
Governor	2 terms	8 years
Lieutenant Governor		
Secretary of State		
State Treasurer		
Attorney General		
<b>State Education Boards</b> (Effective 1-1-95):		
State Board of Education	2 terms	12 years
University of Colorado Board of Regents		
<b>Local Governments</b> (Effective 1-1-95): <sup>3</sup>		
County, City and County, City, Town, School District, Service Authority, and any Other Political Subdivision.	2 terms if the terms are longer than 2 years; 3 terms if the terms are for 2 years or less	Generally, 6 or 8 years, depending on the length of the term

<sup>1</sup>Terms of office are considered "consecutive" unless they are at least 4 years apart.

<sup>2</sup>Partial terms count as full terms if at least one half of a term is served.

<sup>3</sup>Voters in local governments may lengthen, shorten, or eliminate the term limits in their jurisdictions. Citations: Colo. Const. Art. IV, sec.1; Art. V, sec.3; Art. XVIII, secs.9a and 11.



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