

## Musical Chairs <sup>i</sup>

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There are a lot of people promoting term limits. I'm not one of them. I've witnessed the effect of term limits here in Florida; I don't see any improvement.

We have term limits for the cabinet, the governor, the house, the senate, and most county commissions. Much to our dismay, the effect has been that a City Councilman will "term out" but he isn't "out." He just runs for another office, using a slogan referring to his stellar conduct as a Councilman. The Attorney General runs for Governor, the Governor runs for Senate, the Representative runs for Mayor, and so on. They all win because they all have name recognition. They win because they're all part of the machine.

But, do not dismay, my friends. There is an alternate solution that is so much better than term limits. It ensures that the game of musical chairs will cease, or at least require that most of the career politicians sit out every other round.

Based on sound logic, logic given to us by the politicians themselves, I prepared the following titled, *The Placebo of Term Limits* in 2018.

Once again the issue of term limits is being used as a political football. This time it's Governor Rick Scott who is running for the US Senate. Limited to two terms as Governor, he now must move on - and on - and on to other elected offices. And that's the problem with term limits. They limit the term in any one office, but not the term in elected office. The issue is a placebo that accomplishes nothing but political musical chairs. Scott's not the only one. Rick Kriseman did it. There are literally hundreds of example, but naming one Democrat and one Republican seems fair.

Never one to offer a complaint without a solution, I will now summarize what I've written about for nine years.

1. EVERY politician I ever spoke with told me that being in office is a full time job.
- 2: EVERY candidate for office has told me that running for office is a full time job.
- 3: Being elected and taking the oath of office constitutes a contract to do the job.

4: THEREFORE - running for office while in office is impossible without being in breach of contract due to the unavoidable dereliction of the duties of the office held.

Conclusion. If you're in office, you should not be eligible to run for office.

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<sup>1</sup>From the merger of three separate pieces from 2010, 1016 and 2018.