Education Code Section 35107(c) states that the governing board of a school district may adopt a proposal to limit the number of terms a member of the governing board of the school district may serve on the governing board of the school district. Any proposal to limit the number of terms a member of the governing board of the school district may serve on the governing board of the school district shall apply prospectively only and shall not become operative unless it is submitted to the electors of the school district at a regularly scheduled election and a majority of the votes cast on the question favor the adoption of the proposal.

On July 5, 2017, the Newport-Mesa Unified School District Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 05-07-17 proposing that term limits be implemented, dependent upon approval by the voters of the District. The terms of service will be limited to three consecutive four-year terms. After a board member has served three consecutive full terms, that Board member will be permitted to serve again on the Board after having a break in service.