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ANGOLANS TO VOTE IN 2012, PRESIDENT MAY EXTEND TERM(SBU) Constitutional revisions signed by President dos Santos abolish direct presidential elections and would allow dos Santos to remain in power until 2022, according to press. The Angola desk comments the move is a step backwards for democratic reform, and adds the changes shuffle the government, keeping Foreign Minister dos Anjos in office but removing Defense Minister Paihama. (Ops/Angola desk telcon, Reuters)