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SENATE BILL 94

Short Title: Six-Year Gubernatorial Term.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Daniel, Ezzell; Conder, Goldston, Guy, Hunt of Durham, Rauch, Speed, and Winner.

Referred to: Constitution.

February 1, 1989

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR SIX-YEAR TERMS FOR THE GOVERNOR AND
3 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. Section 2 of Article III of the Constitution of North Carolina reads
6 as rewritten:

7 "Sec. 2. Governor and Lieutenant Governor: election, term, and qualifications.

8 (1) Election and term. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall be elected
9 by the qualified voters of the State in ~~1972 and every four years thereafter,~~ 1992 and every
10 six years thereafter at the same time and places as members of the General Assembly
11 are elected. Their term of office shall be ~~four~~ six years and shall commence on the first
12 day of January next after their election and continue until their successors are elected
13 and qualified.

14 (2) Qualifications. No person shall be eligible for election to the office of
15 Governor or Lieutenant Governor unless, at the time of his election, he shall have
16 attained the age of 30 years and shall have been a citizen of the United States for five
17 years and a resident of this State for two years immediately preceding his election. ~~No~~
18 ~~person elected to the Office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall be eligible for election to~~
19 ~~more than two consecutive terms of the same office.~~ No person elected to either of these
20 offices shall be eligible for election to the next succeeding term of the same office,
21 except that the person elected Lieutenant Governor in 1988 shall be eligible for election
22 to the next succeeding term of that office."

1 Sec. 2. The amendment set forth in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to
2 the qualified voters of the State at the statewide general election to be held in November
3 of 1990, which shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State.

4 Sec. 3. At that election, each qualified voter desiring to vote shall be
5 provided a ballot on which shall be printed the following:

6 "[] FOR constitutional amendment making the term of the Governor and
7 Lieutenant Governor six years, beginning with the election of 1992,
8 and prohibiting a person from being elected to two successive terms,
9 except that the person elected Lieutenant Governor in 1988 may be
10 elected to another term in 1992.

11 [] AGAINST constitutional amendment making the term of the Governor
12 and Lieutenant Governor six years, beginning with the election of
13 1992, and prohibiting a person from being elected to two successive
14 terms, except that the person elected Lieutenant Governor in 1988 may
15 be elected to another term in 1992."

16 Those qualified voters favoring the amendment shall vote by marking an "X" or a check
17 mark in the square beside the statement beginning "FOR", and those qualified voters
18 opposed to the amendment shall vote by marking an "X" or a check mark in the square
19 beside the statement beginning "AGAINST".

20 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, voting machines
21 may be used in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the State Board of
22 Elections.

23 Sec. 4. If a majority of votes cast thereon are in favor of the constitutional
24 amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, then the State Board of Elections shall
25 certify that amendment to the Secretary of State who shall enroll that amendment so
26 certified among the permanent records of his office, and the constitutional amendment
27 shall become effective for terms of office beginning on or after January 1, 1993.

28 Sec. 5. G.S. 143-13 reads as rewritten:

29 **"§ 143-13. Printing copies of budget report and bills and rules for the introduction**
30 **of the same.**

31 The Director shall cause to be printed one thousand copies each of the budget report,
32 the Current Operations Appropriations Bill, Capital Improvement Appropriations Bill,
33 and the Budget Revenue Bill. The Governor shall present copies thereof to the General
34 Assembly, together with the biennial message, except incoming Governors may, at the
35 first session of the General Assembly in their respective terms, submit the same after the
36 biennial message has been presented to the General Assembly. The Current Operations
37 Appropriations Bill and the Capital Improvement Appropriations Bill shall be
38 introduced by the chairman of the committee on appropriations in each house of the
39 General Assembly, and the Budget Revenue Bill shall be introduced by the chairmen of
40 the finance committees in each branch of the General Assembly: Provided, that for the
41 years in which the Governor is elected, ~~other than when a Governor is elected for a second~~
42 ~~successive term~~—the Director shall deliver the budget report and the Current Operations
43 Appropriations Bill and the Capital Improvement Appropriations Bill and the Budget
44 Revenue Bill to the Governor-elect, on or before the fifteenth day of December, and the

1 said budget report, Appropriations, and Revenue Bills, shall be presented by the
2 Governor to the General Assembly with such recommendations in the way of
3 amendments, or other modifications, together with such criticism as he may determine.
4 The provisions herein contained as to the introduction of the bills mentioned in this
5 section shall be considered and treated as a rule of procedure in the Senate and House of
6 Representatives until otherwise expressly provided for by a rule in either, or both, of
7 said branches of the General Assembly."

8 Sec. 6. Section 5 of this act shall become effective only if the constitutional
9 amendment proposed by Section 1 of this act is approved as provided by Sections 2
10 through 4 of this act, and if so approved, Section 5 shall become effective January 1,
11 1991.

12 Sec. 7. This act is effective upon ratification.