

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 106

Short Title: Speaker Terms Limit.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Culpepper; and R. Hunter.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

February 6, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVICE AS SPEAKER IN TWO CONSECUTIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 15 of Article II of the Constitution of North Carolina reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 15. Officers of the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives shall elect its Speaker and other officers. No person may serve as Speaker in more than two consecutive General Assemblies. The initial convening of a session of the General Assembly after the terms of members commence shall constitute a new General Assembly for the purpose of this section. Service as Speaker during any part of an odd-numbered year shall constitute service as Speaker for that General Assembly for the purpose of this section."

Sec. 2. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the earlier of any statewide election that may be held for another purpose in November of 1995 or the general election in November 1996, which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots, voting systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

"[ ] FOR [ ] AGAINST

1           Constitutional amendment providing that the Speaker of the House may not  
2 serve more than two consecutive terms."

3           Sec. 3. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are in favor of the  
4 amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the  
5 amendment to the Secretary of State. The amendment shall become effective upon the  
6 convening of the General Assembly next on or after January 1, 1997, and service as  
7 Speaker prior to that date shall not be considered for the purpose of the amendment. The  
8 Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment so certified among the permanent records  
9 of that office.

10           Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.