## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

## **SESSION 1995**

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HOUSE BILL 34
Short Title: Term Limits Five Plus One. (Public
Sponsors: Representatives Gamble; and Hensley.
Referred to: Judiciary I.
January 26, 1995
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE
FOR TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. The General Assembly of North Carolina angets:
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  Section 1. Article II of the Constitution of North Carolina is amended by
adding a new section to read:
"Sec. 25. Limitation of consecutive terms.
(1) <b>Term limits.</b> No person shall be eligible for election to more than five
consecutive terms of office as a member of the House of Representatives, nor to more
than five consecutive terms of office as a member of the Senate. If a person fills a
vacancy, it shall be considered election to a term for the purpose of this subsection if any

- of the service is in the first calendar year of the term.

  (2) Effectiveness. Terms of office commencing prior to January 1, 1996, shall be considered for the purpose of this section except that this section does not forbid any
- considered for the purpose of this section except that this section does not forbid any person in office on that date from either:
  - (a) Completing that term of office; or

 (b) Being elected to the term of office beginning January 1, 1997, if the person had served five, but not more than five, consecutive terms as of that date.

a vacancy in that succeeding term."

Senate or House of Representatives."

among the permanent records of that office.

Filling of vacancy. A person disqualified by this section from election to the

Sec. 2. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to the

Constitutional amendment limiting members to five consecutive terms in the

Sec. 3. If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the

next succeeding term as a member of the House of Representatives or Senate may not fill

qualified voters of the State at the statewide 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

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amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the

amendment to the Secretary of State. The constitutional amendment shall become

effective January 1, 1996. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment so certified

Statutes. The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.

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