

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 70*

Short Title: Term Limits.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Forrester, Horton, McKoy, Kincaid, Cochrane; Smith, Hartsell, Ballantine, Ledbetter, Little, McDaniel, Simpson, Shaw, Carpenter, Clark, Carrington, Foxx, Allran, East, Webster, and Davis.

Referred to: Judiciary I/Constitution.

January 26, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO LIMIT
2 MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE TO FOUR CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN A
3 HOUSE.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. Article II of the Constitution of North Carolina is amended by
7 adding a new section to read:

8 "Sec. 25. Limitation of consecutive terms.

9 (1) No person shall be eligible for election to more than four consecutive terms as
10 a member of the House of Representatives, nor be eligible for election to more than four
11 consecutive terms as a member of the Senate. If a person fills a vacancy, it shall be
12 considered as election to a term for the purpose of this section if the person takes office
13 during the first calendar year of the term.

14 (2) Terms of office beginning before January 1, 1997, shall not be considered for
15 the purpose of this section.

16 (3) A person disqualified by this section from election to the next succeeding term
17 as a member of the House of Representatives may not fill a vacancy in that body in the
18 succeeding term. A person disqualified by this section from election to the next

1 succeeding term as a member of the Senate may not fill a vacancy in that body in the
2 succeeding term."

3 Sec. 2. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to the
4 qualified voters of the State at the general election in November 1996, which election
5 shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots, voting
6 systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.
7 The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

8 **"[] FOR [] AGAINST**

9 Constitutional amendment limiting members to four consecutive terms in the
10 Senate or House of Representatives."

11 Sec. 3. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are in favor of the
12 amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the
13 amendment to the Secretary of State. The amendment becomes effective January 1,
14 1997. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment so certified among the
15 permanent records of that office.

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