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SENATE DRS15419-LUX-136 (02/24)

Short Title: 4-Year Terms for GA/Limit Consecutive Terms. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Daniel, Tarte, and Rabin (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT AMENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE  
3 FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO  
4 LIMIT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FOUR CONSECUTIVE  
5 TERMS IN A HOUSE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Part I. Four-Year Terms.

8 SECTION 1.1. Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution of North Carolina reads  
9 as rewritten:

10 "Sec. 2. Number of Senators.

11 The Senate shall be composed of 50 Senators, ~~biennially~~quadrennially chosen by ballot."

12 SECTION 1.2. Section 4 of Article II of the Constitution of North Carolina reads as  
13 rewritten:

14 "Sec. 4. Number of Representatives.

15 The House of Representatives shall be composed of 120 Representatives, ~~biennially~~  
16 quadrennially chosen by ballot."

17 SECTION 1.3. Section 8 of Article II of the Constitution of North Carolina reads  
18 as rewritten:

19 "Sec. 8. Elections.

20 The election for members of the General Assembly shall be held for the respective districts  
21 in ~~1972-2016~~ and every ~~two~~four years thereafter, at the places and on the day prescribed by  
22 law."

23 SECTION 1.4. Section 7(3) of Article III of the Constitution of North Carolina  
24 reads as rewritten:

25 "(3) Vacancies. – If the office of any of these officers is vacated by death, resignation, or  
26 otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Governor to appoint another to serve until his successor is  
27 elected and qualified. Every such vacancy shall be filled by election at the first ~~election for~~  
28 ~~members of the General Assembly~~ statewide election for members of the United States House  
29 of Representatives that occurs more than 60 days after the vacancy has taken place, and the  
30 person chosen shall hold the office for the remainder of the unexpired term fixed in this  
31 Section. When a vacancy occurs in the office of any of the officers named in this Section and  
32 the term expires on the first day of January succeeding the next ~~election for members of the~~  
33 ~~General Assembly~~ statewide election for members of the United States House of  
34 Representatives, the Governor shall appoint to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of the  
35 office."



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