

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1989

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HOUSE BILL 64

Short Title: Two Terms for Speaker.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Jones; Albertson, Balmer, Barbee, Beard, Bowie, Bowman, Brawley, Brown, Brubaker, Buchanan, Chapin, Church, Cooper, J. Crawford, N. Crawford, Creech, Cromer, Culp, Decker, DeVane, Diamont, Dickson, Diggs, Duncan, Esposito, Flaherty, Foster, Gibson, Grady, Greenwood, Grimmer, Hall, Hardaway, Hasty, Holmes, Howard, Huffman, S. Hunt, Hurley, Isenhower, Justus, Kimsey, Ligon, Lilley, Loflin, Mills, Nye, Payne, Perdue, Pope, Privette, Redwine, Rhodes, Rhyne, Robinson, Rogers, Sizemore, Stam, Tart, R. Thompson, Walker, Warner, Warren, Weatherly, P. Wilson, Wisser, and Wood.

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Referred to: Judiciary.

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January 23, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FROM BEING ELECTED BY THE HOUSE TO MORE THAN TWO TERMS.

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 Speakers and other officers. No person elected to the office of Speaker shall be eligible for election to more than two consecutive terms in that office; provided that if this Constitution is amended to provide that members of the House of Representatives serve a four-year term, then no person elected to the Office of Speaker shall be elected to two consecutive terms of that office."

Sec. 2. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the general election in November 1990, which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. At that election, each qualified voter desiring to vote shall be provided a ballot on which shall be printed the following:

1            "[ ] FOR Constitutional amendment limiting the Speaker of the House of  
2            Representatives to four consecutive years.

3            [ ] AGAINST Constitutional amendment limiting the Speaker of the  
4            House of Representatives to four consecutive years."

5            Those qualified voters favoring the amendment set out in Section 1 of this  
6 act shall vote by making an X or a check mark in the square beside the statement  
7 beginning "FOR", and those qualified voters opposed to that amendment shall vote by  
8 making an X or check mark in the square beside the statement beginning "AGAINST".

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

12            Sec. 3. If a majority of votes cast thereon are in favor of the amendment set  
13 out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the amendment to  
14 the Secretary of State, who shall enroll the amendment so certified among the  
15 permanent records of his office, and the amendment shall become effective upon such  
16 certification.

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