

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 6

Short Title: Limit Legislative Terms.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Kincaid; Carpenter and Simpson.

Referred to: Constitution.

January 31, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO LIMIT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SIX
CONSECUTIVE TWO-YEAR TERMS, BUT TO ALLOW SERVICE AGAIN
AFTER A BREAK OF A FULL TERM.

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 terms.

(1) For the purpose of this section a ‘member of the General Assembly’ is a
member of either the House of Representatives or of the Senate.

(2) No person shall be eligible for election to more than six consecutive terms as
a member of the General Assembly. Service as a member of the General Assembly
caused by filling of a vacancy shall not be considered a term for the purpose of this
subdivision.

(3) Terms of office beginning before January 1, 1993, shall not be considered for
the purpose of this section.

(4) A person disqualified by this section from election to the next succeeding
term as a member of the General Assembly may not fill a vacancy as a member of the
General Assembly in that term.”

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 1992, 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 members of the General
2 Assembly to six consecutive two-year terms.

3 [] AGAINST Constitutional amendment limiting members of the General
4 Assembly to six consecutive two-year terms."

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 the 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 becomes effective upon such
16 certification.

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