

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 879

Short Title: Limit Congressional Terms.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Daughtry; Allran, Carpenter, Cochrane, Forrester, and Smith.

Referred to: Constitutions.

May 8, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF TERMS THAT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
MAY SERVE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Constitution of North Carolina is amended by adding a new section to Article VI to read:

"Sec. 11. Limitation of terms.

A member of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States may be elected to only six consecutive terms of that office. A member of the Senate of the Congress of the United States may be elected to only two consecutive terms of that office. Terms commencing before January 1, 1991, shall not be considered in applying this section."

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:

"[] FOR Constitutional amendment limiting members of the United States House of Representatives to six consecutive terms, and limiting members of the United States Senate to two consecutive terms.

[] AGAINST Constitutional amendment limiting members of the United States House of Representatives to six consecutive terms, and limiting members of the United States Senate to two consecutive terms."

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

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

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

13 Sec. 4. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of
14 Elections for fiscal year 1992-93 the sum of \$30,000 to pay expenses of the State in
15 conducting the election called by this act.

16 Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification.