

January 28, 1999

S 8. SESSION LIMITS IMPLEMENTING. TO IMPLEMENT AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE LENGTH OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE SENATE..Amends GS 120-11.1 to provide that the regular session of the Senate and House of Representatives shall begin on the first Monday in December (formerly, third Wednesday after the second Monday in January) next after their election. Amends the table in GS 163-1 to change the terms of state senators from two years to four years. Makes these changes effective only upon approval by the voters of related proposed constitutional amendments. If those amendments are approved, the amendment to GS 120-11.1 is effective with respect to members of the General Assembly elected in 2000, and the amendment to GS 163-1 is effective with respect to senators elected in 2002.

Intro. by Hoyle.

Ref. to Judiciary II □ GS 120 □ □

February 23, 1999

S 8. SESSION LIMITS IMPLEMENTING. Intro. 1/28/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition: Makes it clear that section of bill limiting length of sessions of General Assembly is dependent on one vote of people and changes to length of term of Senate are dependent on a separate vote of people (see changes to S 9, also made today). Adds provision to GS 163-11(a) providing that if vacancy occurs in first two years of a Senate term, the appointee serves only until the statewide election held two years into the term at which time a successor is elected for the final two years of the term. Amends GS 163-115 by adding a new subsection (f) to provide that nomination to run for remainder of Senate term is filled by primary if it occurs before ten days before close of filing period for general election to be held in mid-term of Senate's four year term, and by party executive committee if it occurs after that date.