

February 7, 2001

S 96. FOUR-YEAR TERMS. TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Amends Art. II of the NC Constitution to provide (1) for four-year terms for General Assembly members, with the first election to such a term in 2002, and (2) that the President Pro Tem. of the Senate shall serve until the expiration of his or her term as Senator or until a new Lieutenant Governor is qualified (currently President Pro Tem. serves until the expiration of his or her term as Senator). Amends Art. III to provide (1) that elections for Governor and Lt. Governor shall occur in 2000 and every four years thereafter and (2) that state executive officers shall be elected at the same time as the Governor. Amends Arts. IV and V of the NC Constitution to provide that clerks of superior court and district attorneys shall be elected at the same time as elections for General Assembly or Governor (currently these officials are elected when the General Assembly is elected). Amends provisions in Arts. III and IV regarding vacancies to make duration of appointments and timing of elections depend on the next election of the General Assembly or Governor. Provides that the amendments shall be submitted to the voters in the next statewide general election and if approved, shall apply to the General Assembly members elected in the 2002 general election.

Intro. by Weinstein.

Ref. to Judiciary I	CONST.
---------------------	--------