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H 702. FOUR-YEAR TERMS. Filed 3/14/07. *TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.*

Amends Article II of the NC Constitution to provide for four-year terms for General Assembly members, with the first election to such terms in 2010. Amends Article III to provide that beginning in 2010, elections for Governor and Lieutenant Governor will take place at locations and on days as prescribed by law (was, at the same time and place as General Assembly elections) and that other elective officers are to be elected at the same time and place as the Governor (was, General Assembly). Amends Articles IV and V of the NC Constitution to provide that clerks of superior court and district attorneys will be elected at the same time as members of the General Assembly or the Governor (currently these officials are elected when the General Assembly is elected). Amends provisions in Articles III and IV regarding filling of mid-term vacancies to make the duration of gubernatorial appointments and timing of elections dependent on the next election of the General Assembly or Governor, whichever comes first (was, the General Assembly). Provides that the amendments will be submitted to the voters at the general election in November 2008 and if approved, will apply to the General Assembly elections beginning with the 2010 general election.

Intro. by Underhill, Farmer-Butterfield, Justice, CONST Holliman.