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**S 119. FOUR-YEAR TERMS.** Filed 2/10/09. *TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.*

Subject to approval by the voters at a statewide election held on the same date as the general election in November 2010, amends Section 8 (Elections) of Article II of the North Carolina Constitution to change the term of office for members of the state Senate and the state House of Representatives from two years to four years, beginning in 2012. Makes conforming changes to Section 2 (Number of Senators) and Section 4 (Number of Representatives) of Article II.

Amends Section 7(3) of Article III by stating that vacancies are required to be filled at the *first regular statewide election for members of the US House of Representatives*. Also amends Section 2(1) (election and term for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor) of Article III to provide that the election, beginning in 2012, will occur at places and on the day prescribed by law, instead of at the same time and places as members of the General Assembly are elected. Makes changes to Section 9(3) (Clerk elections), Section 18(1) (District attorney elections), and Section 19 (vacancies appointed by the Governor) of Article IV to coincide with the statewide election of members of the US House of Representatives.

If approved by voters, the constitutional amendments are effective beginning with persons elected in 2012 and do not apply to 2010 elections.

**Intro. by Weinstein.**

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