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HOUSE BILL DRH40251-MM-19 (01/27)

Short Title: Limit Legislative Service to 16 Years. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Bert Jones, Stevens, Riddell, and Faircloth (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO LIMIT
3 SERVICE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SIXTEEN YEARS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article II of the Constitution of North Carolina is amended by adding
6 a new section to read:

7 "**Sec. 25. Limitation on holding office.**

8 No person shall be eligible for election or appointment to either the House of
9 Representatives or the Senate if completion of the term would result in the person serving a
10 cumulative total of more than 16 years in the General Assembly. Terms of office beginning
11 before January 1, 2019, shall not be considered for the purpose of this section."

12 **SECTION 2.** The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to
13 the qualified voters of the State at the general election in November 2018, which election shall
14 be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots, voting systems, or
15 both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The question to be
16 used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

17 "[] FOR [] AGAINST

18 Constitutional amendment limiting service in the General Assembly to 16 years."

19 **SECTION 3.** If a majority of the votes cast on the question are in favor of the
20 amendment set out in this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the amendment to the
21 Secretary of State. The amendment shall become effective upon the convening of the General
22 Assembly on or after January 1, 2019. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment so
23 certified among the permanent records of that office.

24 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

