

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 105
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H105-PCS10329-ST-9

Short Title: Const. Amendment-Limit Governor/LG to 2 Terms.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 16, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO LIMIT THE GOVERNOR AND THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO A
3 LIFETIME MAXIMUM OF TWO TERMS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Article III of the North Carolina Constitution reads as
6 rewritten:

7 "**Sec. 2. Governor and Lieutenant Governor: election, term, and qualifications.**

8 ...

9 (2) Qualifications. No person shall be eligible for election to the office of Governor or
10 Lieutenant Governor unless, at the time of ~~his~~ election, ~~he~~ the person shall have attained the age
11 of 30 years and shall have been a citizen of the United States for five years and a resident of
12 this State for two years immediately preceding ~~his~~ election. No person elected to the office of
13 Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall be eligible for election to more than two ~~consecutive~~
14 terms of the same office. Service in all or part of a term shall be considered a term for purposes
15 of this subsection."

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

21 "[] FOR [] AGAINST

22 Constitutional amendment providing that no person may serve more than two terms
23 as the Governor or as the Lieutenant Governor, applicable to all current and prior Governors
24 and Lieutenant Governors."

25 **SECTION 3.** If a majority of the votes cast on the question are in favor of the
26 amendments set out in this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the amendment to the
27 Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment so certified among the
28 permanent records of that office. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act becomes
29 effective upon certification.

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



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