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HOUSE BILL DRH30099-NDy-90

Short Title: Term Limits for Legislators. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Everitt.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO CREATE TERM  
3 LIMITS FOR LEGISLATORS.

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. Term limit.**

8 (1) No person shall be eligible for election to more than eight cumulative terms as a  
9 member of the General Assembly. If a person fills a vacancy, it shall not be considered as an  
10 election to a term for the purposes of this section.

11 (2) Terms of office beginning before January 1, 2025, shall not be considered for the  
12 purposes of this section."

13 SECTION 2. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to  
14 the qualified voters of the State at the general election in November 2024, which election shall  
15 be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots, voting systems, or  
16 both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The question to be  
17 used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

18 "[ ] FOR [ ] AGAINST

19 Constitutional amendment limiting members of the General Assembly to no more  
20 than eight cumulative terms of office."

21 SECTION 3. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are in favor of the  
22 amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the  
23 amendment to the Secretary of State. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act becomes  
24 effective with the members elected in 2024. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment  
25 so certified among the permanent records of that office.

26 SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

