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HOUSE BILL 1220

Short Title: Legislative Term Limits. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Pridgen (Primary Sponsor).
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Referred to: Judiciary.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO LIMIT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO LIMIT MEMBERS
3 TO THREE CONSECUTIVE FOUR-YEAR TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR
4 STAGGERED FOUR-YEAR TERMS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

8 **"Sec. 25. Limitation of consecutive terms.**

9 (1) No person shall be eligible for election to more than three consecutive four-year
10 terms as a member of the House of Representatives, nor be eligible for election to more than
11 three consecutive four-year terms as a member of the Senate. If a person fills a vacancy, it shall
12 be considered as election to a term for the purpose of this section if the person takes office
13 during the first calendar year of the term.

14 (2) Terms of office beginning before January 1, 2015, shall not be considered for the
15 purpose of this section.

16 (3) A person disqualified by this section from election to the next succeeding term as a
17 member of the House of Representatives may not fill a vacancy in that body in the succeeding
18 term. A person disqualified by this section from election to the next succeeding term as a
19 member of the Senate may not fill a vacancy in that body in the succeeding term."

20 **SECTION 2.** Section 2 of Article II of the North Carolina Constitution reads as
21 rewritten:

22 **"Sec. 2. Number of Senators.**

23 The Senate shall be composed of 50 Senators, ~~biennially~~ quadrennially chosen by ballot. In
24 2014, and quadrennially thereafter, the members from even-numbered districts shall be elected
25 for four-year terms. In 2014, the members from odd-numbered districts shall be elected for
26 two-year terms and in 2016, and quadrennially thereafter, shall be elected for four-year terms."

27 **SECTION 3.** Section 4 of Article II of the North Carolina Constitution reads as
28 rewritten:

29 **"Sec. 4. Number of Representatives.**

30 The House of Representatives shall be composed of 120 Representatives,
31 ~~biennially~~ quadrennially chosen by ballot. In 2014, and quadrennially thereafter, the members
32 from even-numbered districts shall be elected for four-year terms. In 2014, the members from
33 odd-numbered districts shall be elected for two-year terms and in 2016, and quadrennially
34 thereafter, shall be elected for four-year terms."



