

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact sections 1 and 2 of article XV of the Constitution  
2 of North Dakota, relating to term limits for members of the legislative assembly and statewide  
3 elected officers; to repeal section 4 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to  
4 prohibiting the legislative assembly from proposing certain amendments to article XV of the  
5 Constitution of North Dakota; and to provide for application.

6 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

7 This measure provides an individual may not serve more than twelve cumulative years in either  
8 the house of representatives or the senate until after four years have elapsed since reaching  
9 twelve cumulative years of service in that chamber. The measure also places twelve cumulative  
10 year term limits on statewide elected executive branch officers, except the governor and the  
11 lieutenant governor. The measure places eight cumulative year term limits on the governor and  
12 lieutenant governor. The measure repeals a provision prohibiting the legislative assembly from  
13 proposing constitutional amendments relating to term limits.

14 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**  
15 **SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

16 That the following proposed amendments to sections 1, 2, and 4 of article XV of the  
17 Constitution of North Dakota are agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of  
18 North Dakota at the general election to be held in 2026, in accordance with section 16 of  
19 article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

20 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 1 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota is  
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **Section 1.** ~~An~~Upon serving twelve cumulative years as a member of the house of  
23 representatives, an individual shall~~may~~ not serve as a member of the house of representatives  
24 ~~for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight years. An~~until at least four years  
25 have passed, at which time the individual may serve another twelve cumulative years. A

1 member of the house of representatives elected or appointed to a term of less than four years is  
2 eligible to serve twelve cumulative years following the completion of the partial term. Upon  
3 servng twelve cumulative years as a member of the senate, an individual shall~~may~~ not serve as  
4 a member of the senate for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight years. An  
5 individual shall not be eligible to serve a full or remaining term as member of the house of  
6 representatives or the senate if serving the full or remaining term would cause the individual to  
7 serve for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight years in that respective  
8 house~~until at least four years have passed, at which time the individual may serve another~~  
9 twelve cumulative years. A member of the senate, elected or appointed, to a term of less than  
10 four years is eligible to serve twelve cumulative years following the completion of the partial  
11 term.

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 2 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota is  
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **Section 2.**

- 15 1. An individual shall~~may~~ not be elected to the office of~~serve as the~~ governor more than  
16 twice~~or lieutenant governor for more than eight years.~~ This provision ~~shall~~does not  
17 prevent the lieutenant governor from succeeding to the office of governor, nor prevent  
18 the secretary of state from acting as governor.
- 19 2. An individual may not serve more than twelve cumulative years as agriculture  
20 commissioner, attorney general, auditor, insurance commissioner, lieutenant governor,  
21 public service commissioner, secretary of state, superintendent of public instruction,  
22 tax commissioner, or treasurer unless at least four years have passed after having  
23 completed twelve years of service. After four years have passed, the individual may  
24 serve another twelve cumulative years in the office. An individual who is serving as  
25 agriculture commissioner, attorney general, auditor, insurance commissioner, public  
26 service commissioner, secretary of state, superintendent of public instruction, tax  
27 commissioner, or treasurer and was elected or appointed to complete a partial term is  
28 eligible to serve twelve cumulative years following the completion of the partial term.

29 **SECTION 3. REPEAL.** Section 4 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota is  
30 repealed.

1       **SECTION 4. APPLICATION.** Any service in the senate or the house of representatives  
2 before December 1, 2026, for any member elected in 2026; any service in the senate or the  
3 house of representatives before December 1, 2028, for any member elected at the general  
4 election in 2028; and any service as a statewide elected official, except as the governor or  
5 lieutenant governor, before January 1, 2027; may not be counted toward cumulative years of  
6 service in that office.