Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3019

Introduced by

Representatives Kasper, Dockter, Koppelman, Lefor, Louser, Rohr, D. Ruby, Steiner, Vetter

Senators Luick, Myrdal, Paulson

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

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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

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

That the following proposed amendments to sections 1, 2, and 4 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota are agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the primary election to be held in June of 2024, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

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

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

Upon serving twelve cumulative years as a member of the senate, an individual ~~shall~~may not serve as a member of the senate ~~for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight years. An individual shall not be eligible to serve a full or remaining term as member of the house of representatives or the senate if serving the full or remaining term would cause the individual to serve for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight years in that respective house~~until at least four years have passed, at which time the individual may serve another twelve cumulative years.

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

Section 2. An individual ~~shall~~may not ~~be elected to the office of~~serve more than a cumulative twelve years as agriculture commissioner, attorney general, auditor, governor ~~more than twice. This provision shall not prevent the lieutenant governor from succeeding to the office of governor, nor prevent the secretary of state from acting as governor~~, insurance commissioner, lieutenant governor, public service commissioner, secretary of state, superintendent of public instruction, tax commissioner, or treasurer unless at least four years have passed after having completed twelve years of service. After four years have passed, the individual may serve another twelve cumulative years in the office.

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

SECTION 4. APPLICATION. Any service in the senate or the house of representatives before December 1, 2024, for any member elected or reelected in 2024; any service in the senate or the house of representatives before December 1, 2026, for any member elected or reelected at the general election in 2026; any service as a statewide elected official, except as the governor or lieutenant governor, before January 1, 2025; and any service as the governor or lieutenant governor before December 15, 2024, may not be counted toward cumulative years of service in that office.