

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~~consecutive  
8 years in either the house of representatives or the senate until after four years have elapsed  
9 since reaching twelve consecutive years of service in that chamber. The measure also places  
10 twelve ~~cumulative~~consecutive year term limits on statewide elected executive branch officers.  
11 The measure repeals a provision prohibiting the legislative assembly from proposing  
12 constitutional amendments relating to term limits.

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

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

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

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

1 a term of less than four years will be eligible to serve twelve consecutive years following the  
2 completion of the partial term.

3 Upon serving twelve ~~cumulative~~consecutive years as a member of the senate, an individual  
4 shall~~may~~ not serve as a member of the senate for a cumulative period of time amounting to  
5 more than eight years. An individual shall not be eligible to serve a full or remaining term as  
6 member of the house of representatives or the senate if serving the full or remaining term would  
7 cause the individual to serve for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight years  
8 in that respective house until at least four years have passed, at which time the individual may  
9 serve another twelve ~~cumulative~~consecutive years. A member of the senate, elected or  
10 appointed, to a term of less than four years will be eligible to serve twelve consecutive years  
11 following the completion of the partial 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.** An individual shall~~may~~ not be elected to the office of~~serve more than a~~  
15 ~~cumulative~~ twelve consecutive years as agriculture commissioner, attorney general, auditor,  
16 governor more than twice. This provision shall not prevent the lieutenant governor from  
17 succeeding to the office of governor, nor prevent the secretary of state from acting as governor,  
18 insurance commissioner, lieutenant governor, public service commissioner, secretary of state,  
19 superintendent of public instruction, tax commissioner, or treasurer unless at least four years  
20 have passed after having completed twelve years of service. After four years have passed, the  
21 individual may serve another twelve ~~cumulative~~consecutive years in the office. An individual  
22 who is serving as agriculture commissioner, attorney general, auditor, governor, insurance  
23 commissioner, lieutenant governor, public service commissioner, secretary of state,  
24 superintendent of public instruction, tax commissioner, or treasurer and elected or appointed to  
25 complete a partial term will be eligible to serve twelve consecutive years following the  
26 completion of the partial term.

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

29 **SECTION 4. APPLICATION.** Any service in the senate or the house of representatives  
30 before December 1, 2024, for any member elected or reelected in 2024; any service in the  
31 senate or the house of representatives before December 1, 2026, for any member elected or

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1 reelected at the general election in 2026; any service as a statewide elected official, except as  
2 the governor or lieutenant governor, before January 1, 2025; and any service as the governor or  
3 lieutenant governor before December 15, 2024, may not be counted toward  
4 ~~cumulative~~consecutive years of service in that office.