

Greetings Mr. or Madam Chair, members of the Committee, I'm Kathrin Volochenko of the **Nonpartisan League**

I request that this committee bring **SCR 4008** to the floor with a **"Do Not Pass"** recommendation.

Here's an excerpt from the North Dakota Constitution, the section that this bill is asking to be repealed:

"Section 4. Notwithstanding the legislative assembly's authority to propose amendments to this constitution under article IV, section 16 thereof, the legislative assembly shall not have authority to propose an amendment to this constitution to alter or repeal the term limitations established in section 1 of this article. The authority to propose an amendment to this constitution to alter or repeal the term limitations established in section 1 of this article is reserved to initiative petition of the people under article III of this constitution."

And yet this bill is attempting to do exactly that, as stated in the following excerpt on page one lines one through four:

"A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 1 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to term limits for members of the legislative assembly; and 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."

This bill is asking to extend the current term limits that were voted on and approved by the people of North Dakota on initiative petition number one on November 8th, 2022, from two four-year terms to three four-year terms.

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

Section 1. An individual shall may not serve more than three complete four-year terms as a member of the house of representatives ~~for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight years~~. An individual shall may not serve more than three complete four-year terms 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 individual's service as a member of the house of representatives or the senate if serving the full or remaining during a term would cause the individual to serve for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight years in that respective house that is less than four years does not count toward the term limit for a member of the house of representatives or the senate under this section.~~

This is in direct violation of the state constitution and the rights of all North Dakota citizens.

It's bills such as this that beg the question that they are introduced to test the constituents' ability to see if we are "paying attention".

Once again I respectfully urge this committee to recommend a **"Do Not Pass"** for **SCR 4008**.

Thank you for your time.