

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 years of service in that chamber. The measure also places twelve cumulative year term
10 limits on statewide elected executive branch officers. The measure repeals a provision
11 prohibiting the legislative assembly from proposing constitutional amendments relating to term
12 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 years as a member of the house of
22 representatives, an individual shall~~may~~ not serve as a member of the house of representatives
23 ~~for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight years. An~~until at least four years
24 have passed, at which time the individual may serve another twelve cumulative years.

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

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

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

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19 repealed.

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