

2025 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1300

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1300
1/23/2025

Relating to legislative term limits.

8:31 a.m. Chairman Schauer called the meeting to order.

Members present: Chairman Schauer, Vice Chairman Satrom, Representatives Bahl, Brown, Christy, Grindberg, Karls, McLeod, Rohr, Schneider, Steiner, VanWinkle, Vetter, Wolff

Discussion Topics:

- Clarification for mid-term elections.

8:32 a.m. Representative Koppelman introduced the bill and submitted testimony, #30984.

8:46 a.m. Mike Blessum, District 5 Republican Committee, testified in favor.

8:48 a.m. Chairman Schauer closed the hearing.

8:50 a.m. Representative Steiner moved a Do Pass.

8:50 a.m. Representative Rohr seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Austen Schauer	Y
Representative Bernie Satrom	Y
Representative Landon Bahl	Y
Representative Collette Brown	Y
Representative Josh Christy	Y
Representative Karen Grindberg	Y
Representative Karen Karls	Y
Representative Carrie McLeod	Y
Representative Karen Rohr	Y
Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Representative Vicky Steiner	Y
Representative Lori VanWinkle	Y
Representative Steve Vetter	Y
Representative Christina Wolff	Y

8:50 a.m. Motion Passed 14-0-0.

Representative Steiner will carry the bill.

8:51 a.m. Chairman Schauer closed the meeting.

Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1300 ([25.0382.02000](#))

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Schauer, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1300 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

ARTICLE XV TERM LIMITS

Section 1. An individual shall not serve as a member of the house of representatives for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight years. An individual shall 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.

Section 2. An individual shall not be elected to the office of 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.

Section 3. The limitations established by this article shall have prospective effect only, and service as a member of the house of representatives, service as a member of the senate, and prior election to the office of governor shall not be counted against any service or election, respectively, of any individual that occurs after the effective date of this amendment. Service by the lieutenant governor in his capacity as president of the senate shall not count toward the cumulative amount of time an individual may serve as a member of the senate.

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.

Section 5. This amendment shall be effective on the first day of January immediately following approval by voters.

Section 6. The provisions of this article are severable, and if any provision is held to be invalid, either on its face or as applied, the remaining provisions and their application shall not be affected thereby. In any case of a conflict between any provision of this article and any other provision of this constitution, the provisions of this article shall control.

2025 SENATE JUDICIARY

HB 1300

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Judiciary Committee Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

HB 1300
3/17/2025

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to legislative term limits.

10:03 a.m. Chair Larson opened the hearing.

Members present:

Chair Larson, Vice Chairman Paulson, Senators: Castaneda, Cory, Luick, Myrdal, Braunberger.

Discussion Topics:

- Constitutional interpretation
- Prospective vs. retrospective application

10:04 a.m. Representative B. Koppelman introduced the bill and submitted testimony in favor #42296.

10:16 a.m. Chair Larson closed the hearing.

10:16 a.m. Senator Myrdal moved a Do Pass.

10:16 a.m. Senator Luick seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Diane Larson	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Jose L. Castaneda	Y
Senator Claire Cory	A
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y

Motion Passed 6-0-1.

10:17 a.m. Senator Myrdal will carry the bill.

10:17 a.m. Chair Larson closed the hearing.

Kendra McCann, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1300 ([25.0382.02000](#))

Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1300 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

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2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Judiciary Committee Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

HB 1300
3/24/2025

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to legislative term limits.

10:29 a.m. Chair Larson opened the hearing.

Members present:

Chair Larson, Vice Chairman Paulson, Senators: Castaneda, Cory, Luick, Myrdal, Braunberger.

Discussion Topics:

- Term limits
- Constitutional challenges
- Election dates

10:30 a.m. Senator Myrdal introduced proposed amendment LC# 25.0382.02001 and submitted testimony #43665.

10:32 a.m. Senator Myrdal moved to Reconsider.

10:32 a.m. Senator Braunberger seconded.

Senators	Vote
Senator Diane Larson	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Jose L. Castaneda	Y
Senator Claire Cory	Y
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y

Motion Passed 7-0-0.

10:32 a.m. Senator Myrdal moved to adopt amendment LC# 25.0382.02001.

10:33 a.m. Senator Braunberger seconded.

10:33 a.m. Committee discussed clarifying effective start date and service requirements for elected or appointed officials.

10:40 a.m. Voice Vote - Motion Passed.

10:40 a.m. Senator Myrdal moved as Do Pass as amended.

10:40 a.m. Senator Braunberger seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Diane Larson	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Jose L. Casteneda	Y
Senator Claire Cory	Y
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y

Motion Passed 7-0-0.

10:40 a.m. Senator Myrdal will carry the bill.

10:40 a.m. Chair Larson closed the hearing.

Kendra McCann, Committee Clerk

March 18, 2025

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10 assembly after ~~November 7, 2022~~ January 1, 2023.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1300**

Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.0382.02001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1300 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

25.0382.02001
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council
staff for Senator Myrdal
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2025 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1300

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1300
4/17/2025
Conference Committee

Relating to legislative term limits.

9:01 a.m. Chairman Koppelman opened the meeting.

Members present: Chairman Koppelman, Representatives Rohr, VanWinkle, Senators Myrdal, Sickler, Castaneda

Discussion Topics:

- Date importance for term limits

9:01 a.m. Representative Koppelman recapped where the House stands on amendment.

9:06 a.m. Senator Myrdal further discussed the importance of arbitrary date on the bill.

9:31 a.m. Chairman Koppelman adjourned the meeting.

Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1300
4/21/2025
Conference Committee

Relating to legislative term limits.

4:00 p.m. Chairman Koppelman opened the meeting.

Members present: Chairman Koppelman, Representatives Rohr, VanWinkle, Senators Myrdal, Sickler, Castaneda

Discussion Topics:

- Effective dates

4:01 p.m. Members of the committee discussed their opinions on the effective dates.

4:27 p.m. Chairman Koppelman adjourned the meeting.

Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1300
4/25/2025
Conference Committee

Relating to legislative term limits.

3:32 p.m. Chairman Koppelman opened the meeting.

Members present: Chairman Koppelman, Rohr, VanWinkle, Senators Myrdal, Sickler, Castaneda

Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

3:33 p.m. Representative Rohr moved to accept the Senate Amendments,
LC#25.0382.02001.

3:33 p.m. Representative VanWinkle seconded the motion.

3:34 p.m. Motion carried 5-1-0.

Representative Rohr and Senator Myrdal will carry the bill.

3:35 p.m. Chairman Koppelman adjourned the meeting.

Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk

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Final Recommendation

HB 1300

Date Submitted: April 25, 2025, 3:34 p.m.

Recommendation: Accept

Amendment LC #: 25.0382.02001

Engrossed LC #: N/A

Description:

Motioned By: Rohr, Karen M.

Seconded By: VanWinkle, Lori

House Carrier: Rohr, Karen M.

Senate Carrier: Myrdal, Janne

Emergency Clause: None

Vote Results: 5 - 1 - 0

Rep. Koppelman, Ben	Nay
Rep. Rohr, Karen M.	Yea
Rep. VanWinkle, Lori	Yea
Sen. Myrdal, Janne	Yea
Sen. Sickler, Jonathan	Yea
Sen. Castaneda, Jose	Yea

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
HB 1300**

Your conference committee (Sens. Myrdal, Sickler, Castaneda and Reps. Koppelman, Rohr, VanWinkle) recommends the **HOUSE ACCEPT** the Senate amendments ([25.0382.02001](#)) to HB 1300.

HB 1300 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.