



North Dakota Legislative Council

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FISCAL IMPACT OF TERM LIMIT MEASURE

SUMMARY OF MEASURE

Constitutional Measure No.1, relating to term limits for the Governor and legislators, was approved by voters in November 2022. The measure created a new article to the Constitution of North Dakota. The measure prohibits an individual from serving as the Governor for more than 2 terms and prohibits an individual from serving more than a cumulative period of 8 years as a member of the House of Representatives and a cumulative period of 8 years as a member of the Senate. An individual's service in the House of Representatives or the Senate or election to the office of the Governor before January 1, 2023, does not count against the term limits provided in the measure. The measure prohibits a Senator or Representative from serving the full or remaining portion of the member's term once a member has served, after January 1, 2023, a cumulative total of 8 years in the member's respective chamber. The measure restricts future amendments to the measure to amendments initiated by citizens through an initiated constitutional measure.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

In September 2022, based on the Legislative Council's review of the measure relating to the effect of term limits for legislators and in discussions with representatives of the Office of Management and Budget regarding the effect of term limits for the Governor, the measure was not anticipated to have a fiscal impact.

ACTUAL FISCAL IMPACT

The measure became effective January 1, 2023. Therefore, the 1st complete fiscal year the measure was in effect began July 1, 2023, and ended June 30, 2024. There was no fiscal impact during the first complete fiscal year the measure was in effect.