

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 4 of article IV and section 1 of article V of  
2 the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to term limits for members of the Legislative Assembly  
3 and for the governor; and to provide an application.

4 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

5 This measure would prohibit an individual from serving more than sixteen years as a member of  
6 the Legislative Assembly and prohibit an individual from serving more than eight years as  
7 governor.

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

10 That the following proposed amendment to section 4 of article IV and section 1 of article V  
11 of the Constitution of North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors  
12 of North Dakota at the general election to be held in 2022, in accordance with section 16 of  
13 article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

14 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 4 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota is  
15 amended and reenacted as follows:

16 **Section 4.** Senators and representatives must be elected for terms of four years. An  
17 individual may serve no more than sixteen years as a member of the legislative assembly. An  
18 individual may not be a candidate for office for a member of the legislative assembly if the term  
19 of office will exceed the individual's sixteen-year limit.

20 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 1 of article V of the Constitution of North Dakota is  
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **Section 1.** The executive power is vested in the governor, who shall reside in the state  
23 capital and shall hold the office for the term of four years beginning in the year 2000, and until a  
24 successor is elected and qualified. An individual may serve no more than eight years as

1 governor. An individual may not be a candidate for office for the governor if the term of office will  
2 exceed the individual's eight-year limit.

3       **SECTION 3. APPLICATION.** If approved by the electors, this measure applies to the  
4 governor and members of the legislative assembly holding office on the date the measure  
5 becomes effective, and to individuals who are candidates for, or elected to, the office of the  
6 governor or offices of members of the legislative assembly after the effective date of this  
7 measure.

8       **SECTION 4. APPLICATION.** If this measure is approved by the electors, for purposes of  
9 applying the term limits imposed by this measure to individuals who are members of the  
10 legislative assembly at the time the measure becomes effective, the individuals are deemed to  
11 have served one-half of the time the individuals actually have served as members of the  
12 legislative assembly.