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H 202. SPEAKER/PRO TEM TERM LIMITS. Filed 2/17/09. *AMENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE TERMS OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE TO TWO CONSECUTIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES.*

Subject to approval by the voters at the November 10 general election, (1) amends Section 15 of Article II of the North Carolina Constitution (Constitution) to limit the terms of the Speaker of the House of Representatives (Speaker) to no more than two consecutive General Assemblies and (2) amends Section 14 of Article II of the Constitution to limit the terms of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate (President Pro Tem) to no more than two consecutive General Assemblies. Provides that the initial convening of a session of the General Assembly after the terms of members commence constitute a new General Assembly and only service as Speaker or President Pro Tem during any part of an odd-numbered year constitutes service as Speaker or President Pro Tem for that General Assembly.

Provides that if the majority of votes favor the proposed amendments, the State Board of Elections is to certify the amendments to the Secretary of State and the proposed amendments will become effective upon the convening of the General Assembly on or after January 1, 2011. Also provides that service as Speaker or President Pro Tem prior to that date is not to be considered for the purpose of the amendments.

Intro. by Blust.

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