



# HOUSE BILL 105: Const. Amendment-Limit Governor/LG to 2 Terms.

2017-2018 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Elections and Ethics Law	<b>Date:</b>	April 24, 2017
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**OVERVIEW:** *The proposed committee substitute for House Bill 105 would allow voters to determine if the Governor and Lieutenant Governor should be limited to two terms in the same office in a lifetime.*

*The PCS clarifies the lifetime limit applies to individuals who are currently serving or have previously served in that office.*

**CURRENT LAW:** The Governor and Lieutenant Governor are elected for four-year terms, that commence on the first day of January next after their election and continue until their successors are elected and qualified. Individuals elected to the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor are not eligible for election to more than two consecutive terms in the same office. Section 2 of Article III of the North Carolina Constitution.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS for House Bill 105 would place a constitutional amendment on the November 2018 general election ballot to limit individuals serving as Governor or Lieutenant Governor to two terms in the same office, regardless of whether the two terms are consecutive or intermittent. Service in any portion of the term of office shall be counted as a term of office for purposes of the lifetime limitation.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective when it becomes law, and would be submitted to voters in the November 2018 election. If approved by a majority of the voters, the term limits would apply to any individual currently or previously serving in the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor.

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