

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

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**SENATE BILL 94
Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 4/23/01
House Committee Substitute Favorable 9/4/02**

Short Title: Session Limits.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 7, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE
2 LENGTH OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS TO 180 DAYS FOR THE LONG
3 SESSION AND 90 DAYS FOR THE SHORT SESSION.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 11(1) of Article II of the North Carolina Constitution
7 reads as rewritten:

8 "(1) Regular sessions. The General Assembly shall meet in regular session in 1973
9 and every two years thereafter on the day prescribed by law. Beginning with the regular
10 session in 2003, during an odd-numbered year the General Assembly shall remain in
11 regular session for no more than 180 calendar days, except that this period may be
12 extended by joint resolution once per regular session for not more than 10 calendar
13 days. If the regular session meets in even-numbered years, the General Assembly shall
14 remain in session for no more than 90 calendar days, except that this period may be
15 extended by joint resolution once per regular session for not more than 10 calendar
16 days. Any reconvened session called under Section 5 of Article III of this Constitution
17 shall be excluded from the time limits provided in this section. Neither house shall
18 proceed upon public business unless a majority of all of its members are actually
19 present. No valid action, other than a resolution of adjournment, may be taken by that
20 regular session of the General Assembly after the time limits prescribed in this section
21 have expired."

22 **SECTION 2.** The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be
23 submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the next statewide general election,
24 which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State.
25 Ballots, voting systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the
26 General Statutes. The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

" [] FOR [] AGAINST

Constitutional amendment limiting the length of the legislative session."

1 **SECTION 3.** If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the
2 amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the
3 amendment to the Secretary of State whereupon the amendments shall become
4 effective. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendments so certified among the
5 permanent records of that office.

6 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.