

**2021 HOUSE JUDICIARY**

**HCR 3036**

# 2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Judiciary

Room JW327B, State Capitol

HCR 3036

3/8/2021

Relating to term limits for members of the Legislative Assembly and for the governor; and to provide an application

**Chairman Klemin** called the hearing to order at 8:30 AM.

Present: Representatives Klemin, Karls, Becker, Buffalo, Christensen, Cory, K Jones, Magrum, Paulson, Paur, Roers Jones, Satrom, and Vetter.

Absent: Hanson

### Discussion Topics:

- Term limits
- Institutional knowledge
- Mentoring

**Rep. Magrum:** Introduced the bill. Testimony #7851 8:33

**Sherri Neigum,** Bismarck, ND: Verbal testimony

**Senator Heitkamp:** Verbal testimony 9:00

**Rep. Karls:** Do not pass motion

**Rep. K. Hanson:** Seconded Withdrawn

**Chairman Klemin** closed the hearing at 9:04.

Reopened 11:23

**Rep. Paur:** Moved to adopt an amendment verbally to grandfather in current legislatures. No second.

**Rep. Roers Jones:** Do not pass motion

**Rep. Satrom:** Seconded

Roll Call Vote:

<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Chairman Klemin	Y
Vice Chairman Karls	Y
Rep Becker	N
Rep. Christensen	N
Rep. Cory	N
Rep T. Jones	Y
Rep Magrum	N
Rep Paulson	N
Rep Paur	N
Rep Roers Jones	Y
Rep B. Satrom	Y
Rep Vetter	Y
Rep Buffalo	Y
Rep K. Hanson	A

7-6-1 motion carried - Carrier: Rep. Roers Jones

**Additional written testimony:** 7739, 7795

**Chairman Klemin** stopped 11:36

DeLores D. Shimek  
Committee Clerk by Anna Fiest

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3036: Judiciary Committee (Rep. Klemin, Chairman)** recommends **DO NOT PASS** (7 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3036 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.



#7851

Subject **Legislator list**  
 From Donna Magrum <dmagrum65@icloud.com>  
 To <djmags@bektel.com>  
 Date 2021-03-07 20:32

Legislator	<u>Years</u>	District	Year in Office	Re-election	House	Senate	Party
Patrick Hatlestad	14	1	2007-2021	2022	TRUE		R
David Richter	2	1	2019-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Brad Bekkendahl	6	1	2015-2021	2022		TRUE	R
Bert Anderson	6	2	2015-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Donald Longmuir	4	2	2017-2021	2024	TRUE		R
David Rust (House 2009-2013)	6(9)	2	2015-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Jeff A. Hoverson	2	3	2019-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Bob Paulson	2	3	2019-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Oley Larsen	10	3	2011-2021	2022		TRUE	R
Terry B. Jones	6	4	2015-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Clayton Fegley	2	4	2019-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Jordan Kannianen	4	4	2017-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Scott Louser	10	5	2011-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Jay Fisher	2	5	2019-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Randy Burckhard	10	5	2011-2021	2022		TRUE	R
Dick Anderson	10	6	2011-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Paul J. Thomas	1	6	2021-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Shawn Vedaa	4	6	2017-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Rick Becker	8	7	2013-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Jason Dockter	8	7	2013-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Nicole Poolman	8	7	2013-2021	2022		TRUE	R
Jeff Delzer	30	8	1991-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Dave Nehring	1	8	2021-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Howard C. Anderson, Jr.	8	8	2013-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Tracy Boe	18	9	2003-2021	2022	TRUE		D
Marvin E. Nelson	10	9	2011-2021	2022	TRUE		D
Richard Marcellais	14	9	2007-2021	2022		TRUE	D
David Monson	28	10	1993-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Chuck Damschen	16	10	2005-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Janne Myrdal	4	10	2017-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Ron Guggisberg	1	11	2021-2021	2022	TRUE		D
Gretchen Dobervich	4	11	2017-2021	2022	TRUE		D
Jim Mathern	34	11	1987-2021	2022		TRUE	D
Bernie Satrom	4	12	2017-2021	2024	TRUE		R

Mitch Ostlie	1	12	2021-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Cole Conley	1	12	2021-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Kim Koppelman	26	13	1995-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Austen Schauer	2	13	2019-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Judy Lee	26	13	1995-2021	2022		TRUE	R
Jon O. Nelson	24	14	1997-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Robin Weisz	24	14	1997-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Jerry Klein	24	14	1997-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Dennis Johnson	28	15	1993-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Greg Westlind	4	15	2017-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Dave Oehlke	14	15	2007-2021	2022		TRUE	R
Ben Koppelman	8	16	2013-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Andrew Marshall	4	16	2017-2021	2024	TRUE		R
David Clemens	4	16	2017-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Mark S. Owens	16	17	2005-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Mark Sanford	10	17	2011-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Ray Holmberg	44	17	1977-2021	2022		TRUE	R
Corey Mock	12	18	2009-2021	2024	TRUE		D
Steve Vetter	4	18	2017-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Scott Meyer	4	18	2017-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Gary Paur	10	19	2011-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Wayne A. Trottier	10	19	2011-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Robert Fors	2	19	2019-2021	2022		TRUE	R
Mike Beltz	1	20	2021-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Jared Hagert	1	20	2021-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Randy Lemm	1	20	2021-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Mary Schneider	6	21	2015-2021	2022	TRUE		D
LaurieBeth Hager	2	21	2019-2021	2022	TRUE		D
Kathy Hogan (House 2009-2017)		21	2019-2021	2022		TRUE	D
Michael Howe	4	22	2017-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Brandy Pyle	4	22	2017-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Mark Weber	1	22	2021-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Bill Devlin	24	23	1997-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Don Vigasaa	16	23	2005-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Joan Heckaman	14	23	2007-2021	2022		TRUE	D
Dwight Kiefert	8	24	2013-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Cole Christensen	1	24	2021-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Mike Wobbema	1	24	2021-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Lisa Mitskog	6	25	2015-2021	2022	TRUE		D
Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	6	25	2015-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Larry Luick	10	25	2011-2021	2022		TRUE	R



Sebastian Ertelt	4	26	2017-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Kathy Skroch	4	26	2017-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Jason Heitkamp	1	26	2021-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Ruth Buffalo	2	27	2019-2021	2022	TRUE		D
Greg Stemen	1	27	2021-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Kristin Roers	2	27	2019-2021	2022		TRUE	R
Mike Brandenburg	24	28	1997-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Jeffery J. Magrum	4	28	2017-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Robert Erbele	20	28	2001-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Chet Pollert	22	29	1999-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Craig Headland	18	29	2003-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Terry Wanzek (House 1993)	2 (28)	29	1995-2021	2022		TRUE	R
Mike Nathe	12	30	2009-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Glenn Bosch	4	30	2017-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Diane Larson (House 1989 / 2013-2015)	1 3 (8)	30	2017-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Karen M. Rohr	10	31	2011-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Jim Schmidt	10	31	2011-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Donald Schaible	10	31	2011-2021	2022		TRUE	R
Lisa Meier	20	32	2001-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Pat D. Heinert	4	32	2017-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Dick Dever	20	32	2001-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Gary Kreidt	18	33	2003-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Bill Tveit	2	33	2019-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Jessica Unruh Bell	8	33	2013-2021	2022		TRUE	R
Todd Porter	22	34	1999-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Nathan Toman	8	34	2013-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Doug Larsen	1	34	2021-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Bob Martinson	48	35	1973-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Karen Karls	14	35	2007-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Erin Oban	6	35	2015-2021	2022		TRUE	D
Mike Schatz	32	36	1989-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Luke Simons	4	36	2017-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Jay R. Elkin	2	36	2019-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Vicky Steiner	10	37	2011-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Mike Lefor	6	37	2015-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Rich Wardner (House 1991-1997)	6 (28)	37	1999-2021	2022		TRUE	R
Larry Bellew	20	38	2001-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Dan Ruby	20	38	2001-2021	2024	TRUE		R
David Hogue	12	38	2009-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Keith Kempenich	28	39	1993-2021	2022	TRUE		R

Denton Zubke	4	39	2017-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Dale Patten	2	39	2019-2021	2022		TRUE	R
Randy A. Schobinger (Senate 1995-2005)	4	40	2017-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Matthew Ruby	4	40	2017-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Karen Kay Krebsbach	32	40	1989-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Pamela Anderson	6	41	2015-2021	2022	TRUE		D
Michelle Strinden	2	41	2019-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Kyle Davison	6	41	2015-2021	2022		TRUE	R
Emily O'Brien	4	42	2017-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Cory Claire	1	42	2021-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Curt Kreun (House 2011-2013)	2 (40)	42	2017-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Mary Adams	2	43	2019-2021	2022	TRUE		D
Zachary Ista	2	43	2019-2021	2022	TRUE		D
JoNell Bakke (Senate 2007-2009)	2 (4)	43	2019-2021	2022		TRUE	D
Joshua A. Boschee	8	44	2013-2021	2024	TRUE		D
Karla Rose Hanson	4	44	2017-2021	2024	TRUE		D
Merrill Piepkorn	4	44	2017-2021	2024		TRUE	D
Mary Johnson	6	45	2015-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Tom Kading	6	45	2015-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Ronald Sorvaag	10	45	2011-2021	2022		TRUE	R
Jim Kasper	20	46	2001-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Shannon Roers-Jones	4	46	2017-2021	2024	TRUE		R
Jim Roers	4	46	2017-2021	2024		TRUE	R
Lawrence R. Klemin	22	47	1999-2021	2022	TRUE		R
George Keiser	28	47	1993-2021	2022	TRUE		R
Michael Dwyer	2	47	2019-2021	2022		TRUE	R

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## **NORTH DAKOTA TERM LIMITS POLL: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

North Dakota Survey of 500 Likely Voters Conducted February 13-17, 2020  
by Pulse Opinion Research

**Survey Summary:** The results of this recently-completed statewide survey show that North Dakota voters overwhelmingly support term limits for state legislators, members of Congress and statewide officials. Support for term limits is broad across all political and demographic groups. An overwhelming 82% of voters approve of placing retroactive term limits on members of the North Dakota Legislature, while 84% of voters favor term limits on Congress and 83% favor term limits on statewide officials. By a margin of 78% to 8%, voters want the state legislature to call for an Article V convention to term limit Congress.

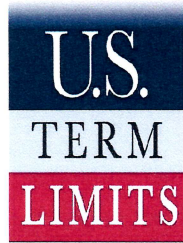
***Do you approve or disapprove of placing eight-year term limits on the State Legislature of North Dakota, which would apply to prior terms served?***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind.	College Degree	No Degree
<b>Approve</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>81%</b>
Strongly	52%	56%	45%	52%	56%	39%
Somewhat	30%	30%	35%	25%	26%	32%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>9%</b>
Somewhat	10%	10%	10%	9%	11%	8%
Strongly	2%	1%	1%	4%	3%	1%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>10%</b>

***Do you approve or disapprove of placing term limits on members of Congress?***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind.	College Degree	No Degree
<b>Approve</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>83%</b>
Strongly	57%	65%	39%	60%	60%	53%
Somewhat	27%	27%	39%	21%	26%	30%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>10%</b>
Somewhat	8%	4%	15%	8%	9%	8%
Strongly	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>7%</b>





***Do you approve or disapprove of placing eight-year term limits on Governor of North Dakota and other statewide offices, such as Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General?***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind.	College Degree	No Degree
<b>Approve</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>78%</b>
Strongly	52%	54%	44%	56%	56%	48%
Somewhat	31%	34%	37%	23%	31%	30%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>12%</b>
Somewhat	7%	6%	7%	9%	6%	8%
Strongly	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>10%</b>

***If the state legislatures of two-thirds of the states vote to call an amendment-proposing convention to recommend an amendment for term limits on members of Congress, would you want your state senator and state representative to vote YES or NO on this bill?***

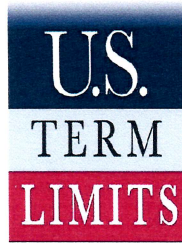
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind.	College Degree	No Degree
<b>YES</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>19%</b>

***Would you be more or less likely to support a candidate for state legislature if you knew he or she supports implementing term limits for members of Congress?***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind.	College Degree	No Degree
<b>More Likely</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>77%</b>
Much More	42%	40%	32%	51%	43%	41%
Somewhat More	38%	44%	40%	31%	40%	36%
<b>Less Likely</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>6%</b>
Somewhat Less	7%	5%	13%	5%	8%	5%
Much Less	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>17%</b>

**Conclusions:** North Dakota voters overwhelmingly support limiting the terms of state and federal officeholders. The intensity of this support is measured in their drive to vote for state legislators who will vote "YES" on term limits.

**Methodology:** This poll of 500 likely voters in North Dakota was conducted February 13-17, 2020, using an online panel methodology. Pulse Opinion Research determines its partisan weighting targets through a dynamic weighting system that takes into account the state's voting history, national trends, and recent polling in a particular state or geographic area.



This poll of 500 likely voters in North Dakota has an accuracy of +/- 4.5% with a 95% level of confidence.

**Key Survey Demographics:**

**Gender**

**Men - 50%**

**Women - 50%**

**Age**

**18-39 – 36%**

**40-64 – 45%**

**65+ - 19%**

**Race**

**White – 90%**

**Non-white – 10%**

**Party**

**Republican – 38%**

**Democrat – 24%**

**Independent – 38%**

## **Legislative Terms of Office**

Legislative terms of office are set by Article III, § 6 of the South Dakota Constitution which states in part:

...The terms of office of the members of the Legislature shall be two years.

...No person may serve more than four consecutive terms or a total of eight consecutive years in the senate and more than four consecutive terms or a total of eight consecutive years in the house of representatives. However, this restriction does not apply to partial terms to which a legislator may be appointed.

### **Legislator Listing by Current Term of Office**

(As of January 12, 2021)

#### **4th Term**

Elected in 2014, reelected in 2016, 2018, and 2020. Ineligible to run for the same seat in 2022. (\* indicates also served a partial term-Governor appointed)

##### **Senators**

Gary Cammack  
R. Blake Curd  
Brock Greenfield  
Troy Heinert  
Arthur Rusch

##### **Representatives**

David Anderson\*  
Arch Beal  
Shawn Bordeaux  
Lana Greenfield  
Steven Haugaard  
Sam Marty  
Kent Peterson  
Mark Willadsen\*

#### **3rd Term**

Elected in 2016, reelected in 2018 and 2020, eligible to run in 2022. Ineligible to run for the same seat in 2024.

##### **Senators**

Jim Bolin  
Joshua Klumb  
Jack Kolbeck  
Ryan Maher  
Reynold Nesiba  
Al Novstrup  
Jim Stalzer  
John Wiik

##### **Representatives**

Hugh Bartels	Oren Lesmeister
Roger Chase	John Mills
Drew Dennert	Sue Peterson
Tim Goodwin	Tom Pischke
Spencer Gosch	Tim Reed
Taffy Howard	Jamie Smith
Kevin Jensen	Nancy York
Chris Karr	



## **2nd Term**

Elected in 2018, reelected in 2020, eligible to run in 2022 and 2024. Ineligible to run for the same seat in 2026. (\* indicates also served a partial term-Governor appointed)

### **Senators**

Red Dawn Foster  
Lee Schoenbeck  
V.J. Smith  
Wayne Steinhauer  
Margaret Sutton\*

### **Representatives**

Doug Barthel*	Paul Miskimins
Kirk Chaffee	Tina Mulally
Ryan Cwach	Jess Olson
Fred Deutsch	Carl Perry
Linda Duba	Peri Pourier
Caleb Finck	Tony Randolph
Randy Gross	Rebecca Reimer*
Jon Hansen	Tamara St. John
Erin Healy	Kaleb Weis
Chris Johnson	Marli Wiese*
Lance Koth	

## **1st Term**

Elected in 2020, eligible to run in 2022, 2024 and 2026. Ineligible to run for the same seat in 2028. (\* indicates also served a partial term-Governor appointed)

### **Senators**

Bryan Breitling  
Jessica Castleberry\*  
Casey Crabtree\*  
Michael Diedrich  
Helene Duhamel\*  
Mary Duvall  
Julie Frye-Mueller  
Jean Hunhoff  
Timothy Johns  
David Johnson  
Herman Otten  
Michael Rohl  
Kyle Schoenfish\*  
Marsha Symens  
Erin Tobin  
David Wheeler  
Larry Zikmund

### **Representatives**

Aaron Aylward	Will Mortenson
Rocky Blare	Scott Odenbach
Sydney Davis	Ernie Otten
Mike Derby	Marty Overweg*
Becky Drury	Taylor Rehfeldt
Mary Fitzgerald	Lynn Schneider*
Charlie Hoffman	Bethany Soye
Greg Jamison	Mike Stevens
Phil Jensen	Richard Thomason
Jennifer Keintz	Larry Tidemann
Trish Ladner	Richard Vasgaard
Liz May	Mike Weisgram
Rhonda Milstead*	Dean Wink

## Magrum, Jeffery

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**From:** Magrum, Jeffery  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 7, 2021 11:41 PM  
**To:** Magrum, Jeffery  
**Subject:** Term limits

State legislatures with term limits

State Legislatures with Term Limits

Lifetime versus consecutive

States with legislative limits

Limits overturned

Impact on elections

Features of State Legislatures

Length of terms: Representatives • Senators

How vacancies are filled in state legislatures

States with a full-time legislature

Legislatures with multi-member districts

Comparison of state legislative salaries

When legislators assume office?

State constitutions

State legislative sessions

Candidate requirements by state

Resign-to-run laws

Minority and coalition control of state legislative chambers

Veto overrides in state legislatures

Voting on

Term Limits

## Ballot Measures

By state

By year

Not on ballot

State legislative

term limits

Gubernatorial

term limits

Lieutenant Governors

term limits

Secretaries of State

term limits

Attorneys General

Term limits

State executive

term limits

Local

Local term limits

Elections and campaigns

Local voting laws

In 15 state legislatures, state legislators are subject to term limits. Voters in six additional states voted to have term limits, only to have those votes nullified. In two cases, the state legislature voted to nullify the limits imposed by voters, while in four other states, courts nullified the voter-imposed limits, primarily for technical reasons.

In the United States, there are 1,972 state senate seats and 5,411 state house seats. 562 of the 1,972 state senate seats, or 28.5%, come with a limit. 1,368 of the 5,411 state house seats, or 25%, come with a limit. Of the total of 7,383 state legislative seats, 1,930 (26.1%) are limited.

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S: 3 terms (12 years) 1995 H: 2007

S: 2007

Maine Legislature H: 4 terms (8 years)

S: 4 terms (8 years) 1993 H: 1996

S: 1996

Michigan Legislature H: 3 terms (6 years)

S: 2 terms (8 years) 1992 H: 1998

S: 2002

Missouri Legislature H: 4 terms (8 years)

S: 2 terms (8 years) Amendment 13 (1992)

(also see: Amendment 3 (2002) H: 2002

S: 2002

Montana Legislature H: 4 terms (8 years)

S: 2 terms (8 years) 1992 H: 2000

2000

Nebraska Unicameral S: 2 terms (8 years) 2000 S: 2008

Nevada Legislature A: 6 terms (12 years)

S: 3 terms (12 years) Initiative passed in 1996, took effect with those elected in 1998 A: 2010

S: 2010

Ohio Legislature H: 4 terms (8 years)

S: 2 terms (8 years) 1992 H: 2000

S: 2000

Oklahoma Legislature 12 year cumulative total, in either or both 1990 H: 2004

S: 2004

South Dakota Legislature H: 4 terms (8 years)

1 terms (8 years) 1992 H: 2000

16 years in power is enough for ANY individual. Power is a drug. It becomes addicting and allows good people to lose perspective of the fact they are elected to preserve the will of the PEOPLE, not themselves.

Service should be just that, not a career. Not another way to enrich yourself through lobbyists, voting correctly to achieve the prime appointment, or to continue to feed off the public teat for eternity.

Do the right thing. Vote yourself out of office.....before we vote you out for all the reasons listed above.

I am writing in support of HCR 3036 to impose term limits on how many years you can serve. Our founding fathers, in their great wisdom, believed in governance by citizens representing a variety of views, opinions, and walks of life in order to cobble together public policies and laws that represent everyone. Sadly, this is not where we are today. By not turning over these positions more frequently, we are limited to the same opinions, same ideas, we limit our perspectives, and are stuck in the same old way of doing things, which clearly is not working.

Everyone knows an incumbent has a tremendous advantage over a challenger most of the time. It is difficult enough to get people who want to serve and represent the people. Open seats up for grabs because representatives term-limit out would surely bring some new blood, and new ideas into our policy-making decisions.

Having spent a decent amount of time lately at the capital, and I get a very distinct feeling that a large number of our "representatives" feel as though they rule the people instead of serving the people. I believe term limits is a decent start at reversing this trend. As an added bonus, term limits might just make political party affiliations less important than representing the will of who sent you there.