

HOUSE BILL 160
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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By: **Delegates M. Burns, Rzepkowski, and Schade**
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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Assembly - Limit on Consecutive Terms**

3 FOR the purpose of limiting the number of consecutive terms that an individual may
4 serve in the House of Delegates and the number of consecutive terms that an
5 individual may serve in the Senate of Maryland; and submitting this
6 amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or
7 rejection.

8 BY proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland
9 Article III - Legislative Department
10 Section 6

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses
13 concurring), That it be proposed that the Constitution of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article III - Legislative Department**

15 6.

16 (A) A member of the General Assembly shall be elected by the registered voters
17 of the legislative or delegate district from which [he] THE MEMBER seeks election, to
18 serve for a term of four years beginning on the second Wednesday of January
19 following [his] THE MEMBER'S election.

20 (B) COMMENCING WITH THE TERM OF OFFICE THAT BEGINS IN JANUARY 2003
21 AND THEREAFTER:

22 (1) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS SERVED THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN
23 THE SENATE OF MARYLAND SHALL BE INELIGIBLE TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF
24 SENATOR DURING THE FOUR-YEAR PERIOD FOLLOWING THE THIRD OF THE THREE
25 CONSECUTIVE TERMS; AND

26 (2) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS SERVED THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN
27 THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES SHALL BE INELIGIBLE TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF

1 DELEGATE DURING THE FOUR-YEAR PERIOD FOLLOWING THE THIRD OF THE THREE
2 CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly
4 determines that the amendment to the Constitution of Maryland proposed by this Act
5 affects multiple jurisdictions and that the provisions of Article XIV, Section 1 of the
6 Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not apply.

7 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section
8 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland shall be submitted to the
9 legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in
10 November, 1998 for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in
11 Article XIV of the Constitution of this State. At that general election, the vote on this
12 proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot
13 there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendments" and "Against
14 the Constitutional Amendments," as now provided by law. Immediately after the
15 election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the
16 proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution, and further
17 proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.