

# HOUSE BILL 1099

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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By: **Delegate Vogel**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2026

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Assembly – Term Limits**

3 FOR the purpose of imposing a limit on the number of terms a person may serve in the  
4 General Assembly; providing that a certain term limit does not apply to terms that  
5 began before a certain election; and specifying how service for a partial term shall be  
6 considered for purposes of the term limits.

7 BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution  
8 Article III – Legislative Department  
9 Section 6

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

13 **Article III – Legislative Department**

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

19 (B) (1) **A PERSON WHO HAS SERVED FOUR TERMS IN THE GENERAL**  
20 **ASSEMBLY SHALL BE INELIGIBLE TO BE ELECTED TO SERVE A FURTHER TERM AS A**  
21 **MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

22 (2) **FOR PURPOSES OF THE LIMITATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF**  
23 **THIS SUBSECTION:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(I) NO TERM OF OFFICE THAT BEGAN PRIOR TO THE 2030**  
2 **GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION MAY COUNT TOWARD THE TERM LIMITS ESTABLISHED**  
3 **IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

4                   **(II) A PERSON WHO SERVED TWO OR MORE YEARS OF A TERM AS**  
5 **A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO WHICH ANOTHER PERSON WAS ELECTED**  
6 **SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE SERVED A FULL TERM.**

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

11           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the amendment to the  
12 Maryland Constitution proposed by Section 1 of this Act shall be submitted to the qualified  
13 voters of the State at the next general election to be held in November 2026 for adoption or  
14 rejection in accordance with Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution. At that general  
15 election, the vote on the proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and on  
16 each ballot there shall be printed the words “For the Constitutional Amendment” and  
17 “Against the Constitutional Amendment”, as now provided by law. Immediately after the  
18 election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed  
19 amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and further  
20 proceedings held in accordance with Article XIV.