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TESTIMONY ON HB#1099 - FAVORABLE
General Assembly - Term Limits

TO: Chair Healey, Vice Chair Holmes, and members of the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee
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My name is Richard K. Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#1099, **General Assembly - Term Limits**

Based on a 2018 [Maryland Matters report](#) polling analysis, roughly 75% (three-quarters) of Maryland voters support establishing term limits for members of the Maryland General Assembly, with only 17% opposing the measure. Support is high across party lines, often driven by the perception that incumbents have an unfair advantage. ¹

Key findings on Maryland term limit sentiment:

- High Public Support: A 2018 poll indicated that 75% of Marylanders favored term limits for state lawmakers.
- Federal Focus: A separate 2020 [Maryland.gov report](#) indicated that 71% of Maryland voters are more likely to vote for a state legislative candidate who supports term limits for Congress.
- Broad Consensus: Similar surveys on term limits often show bipartisan, majority support, with over 80% of voters finding arguments against long-term incumbency convincing.

While support for term limits for the General Assembly is strong, it is worth noting that a large majority of voters also support changing how legislative vacancies are filled.

The Blog Imperfect Union discusses *Term Limits: The Good, The Bad, The History* ²

The bill will impose a limit of four on the number of terms a person may serve in the General Assembly; provide that a certain term limit does not apply to terms that began before the 2030 gubernatorial election; and specify how service for a partial term shall be considered for purposes of the term limits.

Political service in Maryland has term limits for the Governor and other constitutional offices, it is time to apply term limits to individuals serving in the General Assembly.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#1099.

¹ Google AI Search “percentage of marylanders favoring general assembly term limits”

² <https://imperfectunion.substack.com/p/term-limits-the-good-the-bad-the>