

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SESSION LIMITS

WHEREAS, one of the most frequent complaints heard from lawyers serving in the Legislature is that the session seems to grow longer every year; and

WHEREAS, this lengthening, which can be blamed in part on the lack of restrictions on when the General Assembly must conclude its work, makes it nearly impossible for a lawyer-legislator to keep a practice going, whether in a large or small firm; and

WHEREAS, without session limits, lawyers, as well as other professionals, will be unable to maintain their livelihood while serving in what is supposed to be a "citizen legislature"; and

WHEREAS, it is clear that we need lawyers to participate in the Legislature because they have the unique skills and knowledge essential to the drafting of bills and subsequent deliberation; and

WHEREAS, session limits would enable more lawyers to serve in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Bar Association has repeatedly supported legislation to implement session limits in the past.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Bar Association will continue to support legislation that will create limits on how long the Legislature can be in session.

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by the Board of Governors of the North Carolina Bar Association



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