

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
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5 By: Representatives Bennett, Agee, Dickinson  
6 By: Senators Critcher, Hendren

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9 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

10 REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUBMIT  
11 TO THE PEOPLE A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
12 TO ENACT TERM LIMITS ON THE UNITED STATES HOUSE  
13 OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE UNITED STATES SENATE,  
14 OR ALTERNATIVELY TO CALL A CONSTITUTIONAL  
15 CONVENTION TO ADDRESS THE TERM LIMIT ISSUE.

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17 **Subtitle**

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19 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ENACT TERM  
20 LIMITS ON THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF  
21 REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE, OR TO CALL A  
22 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO ADDRESS THE  
23 TERM LIMIT ISSUE.

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26 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Arkansas have amended the Arkansas  
27 Constitution to limit their Representatives to Congress to serving three two-  
28 year terms and their Senators to Congress to serving two six-year terms; and  
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30 WHEREAS, other states limit the terms their delegations to Congress may  
31 serve; and  
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33 WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court decreed in the case of U.S.  
34 Term Limits, Inc. vs. Thornton, that terms of members elected to the United  
35 States Congress may be limited only by Amendment to the United States  
36 Constitution; and



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2           WHEREAS, the people of the various States have consistently  
3 demonstrated, at the ballot box and in opinion polls, their overwhelming  
4 desire to limit the terms of members serving in the United States Congress;  
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7           WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States,  
8 amendments to the Federal Constitution may be proposed by the Congress  
9 whenever two thirds of both Houses deem it necessary, or on the application  
10 of the legislatures of two thirds of the several states the Congress shall  
11 call a Convention for the purpose of proposing amendments; and

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13           WHEREAS, we believe such action vital;

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15 NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL  
18 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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20           That this body proposes to the Congress of the United States that  
21 procedures be instituted in the Congress to add a new Article to the  
22 Constitution of the United States, and that the General Assembly of the State  
23 of Arkansas requests the Congress to prepare and submit to the several states  
24 an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, to limit the terms of  
25 Representatives and Senators serving in the United States Congress; and

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27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, alternatively, this body makes application  
28 and requests that the Congress of the United States call a Convention for  
29 proposing amendments to the United States Constitution; and

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31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body also proposes that the  
32 legislatures of each of the several states comprising the United States apply  
33 to the Congress requesting the proposal of an appropriate amendment to the  
34 Federal Constitution, or requiring the Congress to call a Convention for  
35 proposing such an amendment to the Federal Constitution; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent by the  
2 Secretary of State to the Arkansas Congressional Delegation; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Secretary of State of the State of  
5 Arkansas is directed to send copies of this Joint Resolution to the Secretary  
6 of State and presiding officers of both Houses of the Legislature of each of  
7 the other States of the Union, the Clerk of the United States House of  
8 Representatives, Washington, D.C., and the Secretary of the United States  
9 Senate, Washington, D.C.

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