

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the Arkansas Constitution.

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

APPLYING TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE
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Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the people of the State of Arkansas have amended the Arkansas Constitution to limit their Representatives to the United States Congress to serving three (3) two-year terms and their Senators to the United States Congress to serving two (2) six-year terms; and

WHEREAS, other states limit the terms their delegations to the United States Congress may serve; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court decreed in the case of U.S. Term Limits, Inc. v. Thornton, that terms of members elected to the United



1 States Congress may be limited only by an amendment to the United States
2 Constitution; and
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4 WHEREAS, the people of the various states have consistently
5 demonstrated, at the ballot box and in opinion polls, their overwhelming
6 desire to limit the terms of members serving in the United States Congress;
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9 WHEREAS, under Article V of the United States Constitution, amendments
10 to the United States Constitution may be proposed by the United States
11 Congress whenever two thirds (2/3) of both houses deem it necessary, or on
12 the application of the legislatures of two thirds (2/3) of the several states
13 the United States Congress shall call a convention for the purpose of
14 proposing amendments,
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16 NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL
19 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:
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21 THAT the General Assembly hereby makes an application to the United
22 States Congress, as provided by Article V of the United States Constitution,
23 to call a convention limited to proposing an amendment to the United States
24 Constitution to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be
25 elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set
26 a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of
27 the United States Senate.
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Secretary of State is hereby directed to
30 transmit copies of this application to the President of the United States
31 Senate, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
32 States House of Representatives, the Clerk of the United States House of
33 Representatives, the Chair of the Judiciary Committee of the United States
34 House of Representatives, the members of the Arkansas congressional
35 delegation, and the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in
36 the several states, requesting their cooperation.

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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this application shall be considered as covering
3 the same subject matter as the applications from other states to the United
4 States Congress to call a convention to set a limit on the number of terms
5 that a person may be elected to the United States House of Representatives
6 and the United States Senate, and this application shall be aggregated with
7 the same for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds (2/3) of states
8 necessary to require the United States Congress to call a limited convention
9 on this subject but shall not be aggregated with any other applications on
10 any other subject.

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this application constitutes a continuing
13 application in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution
14 until the legislatures of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the several states
15 made applications on the same subject.

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