

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

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7 McGruder, B. McKenzie, Perry, Pilkington, Puryear, J. Richardson, Richmond, Rose, Rye, T. Shephard,
8 Torres, Underwood, Unger, Vaught

9 By: Senators C. Penzo, J. Bryant, J. Petty

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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APPLYING TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE

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V CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF

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PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES

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CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE

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UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

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Subtitle

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FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE

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STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN

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MEMBERS FOR THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

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WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court decreed in the case of U.S.

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Term Limits, Inc. v. Thornton, that terms of members elected to the United

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States Congress may be limited only by an amendment to the United States

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Constitution; and

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WHEREAS, the people of the various states have consistently

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demonstrated, at the ballot box and in opinion polls, their overwhelming

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desire to limit the terms of members serving in the United States Congress;

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and

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1 WHEREAS, under Article V of the United States Constitution, amendments
2 to the United States Constitution may be proposed by the United States
3 Congress whenever two thirds (2/3) of both houses deem it necessary, or on
4 the application of the legislatures of two thirds (2/3) of the several states
5 the United States Congress shall call a convention for the purpose of
6 proposing amendments,

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8 NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL
11 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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13 THAT the General Assembly hereby makes an application to the United
14 States Congress, as provided by Article V of the United States Constitution,
15 to call a convention limited to proposing an amendment to the United States
16 Constitution to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be
17 elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set
18 a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of
19 the United States Senate.

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Secretary of State is hereby directed to
22 transmit copies of this application to the President of the United States
23 Senate, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
24 States House of Representatives, the Clerk of the United States House of
25 Representatives, the Chair of the Judiciary Committee of the United States
26 House of Representatives, the members of the Arkansas congressional
27 delegation, and the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in
28 the several states, requesting their cooperation.

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this application shall be considered as covering
31 the same subject matter as the applications from other states to the United
32 States Congress to call a convention to set a limit on the number of terms
33 that a person may be elected to the United States House of Representatives
34 and the United States Senate, and this application shall be aggregated with
35 the same for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds (2/3) of states
36 necessary to require the United States Congress to call a limited convention

1 on this subject but shall not be aggregated with any other applications on
2 any other subject.

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

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/s/Ladyman

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