

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

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8 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

9 APPLYING TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE  
10 V CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES  
12 CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE  
13 UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

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16 **Subtitle**

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19 STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN  
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22 MEMBERS FOR THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

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

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

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32 WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court decreed in the case of U.S.  
33 Term Limits, Inc. v. Thornton, that terms of members elected to the United  
34 States Congress may be limited only by an amendment to the United States  
35 Constitution; and

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

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

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

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

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