

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION applying for an Article V convention to propose an
2 amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms
3 of office for members of Congress.

4 WHEREAS, in *U.S. Term Limits, Inc. v. Thornton*, 514 U.S. 779 (1995), the United
5 States Supreme Court declared that states could not individually impose term limits on
6 their own federal delegations through state statutes, but could collectively pass a term
7 limits amendment to the United States Constitution; and

8 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution allows either 34 states to
9 call a Constitutional Convention, or two-thirds of both chambers of Congress, to propose
10 amendments to the United States Constitution, with 38 states ratifying the proposal for it
11 to become law; and

12 WHEREAS, without term limits, congressional members have an advantage in
13 elections that virtually guarantees a lifetime of re-elections; and

14 WHEREAS, term limits for members of Congress will allow an equal balance of
15 power to all states, with leadership positions based on merit instead of political favors and
16 tenure of members;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

18 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

19 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky makes an
20 application to Congress, as provided by Article V of the Constitution of the United States,
21 to call a convention limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
22 States to set a limit on the number of terms that a member may be elected to Congress.

23 ➔Section 2. The Secretary of State is directed to transmit copies of this
24 application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate; the Speaker, Clerk,
25 and Judiciary Committee chair of the United States House of Representatives; members
26 of the Kentucky Senate and House of Representatives; members of Kentucky's
27 Congressional delegation; and to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in

1 the several states, requesting their cooperation.

2 ➔Section 3. This application shall be considered as covering the same subject
3 matter as the applications from other states to Congress to call a convention to set a limit
4 on the number of terms a person may be elected to the Congress of the United States, and
5 this application shall be aggregated with the same for the purpose of attaining the two-
6 thirds of states necessary to require Congress to call a limited convention on this subject,
7 but shall not be aggregated with any other application on any other subject.

8 ➔Section 4. This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance
9 with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least
10 two-thirds of the several states have made an application on the same subject.