

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 two-thirds of
9 the states to call a convention for proposing amendments, or two-thirds of both chambers
10 of Congress to propose amendments to the United States Constitution, with three-fourths
11 of the states ratifying the proposal for it 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 the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution
22 of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a member may be elected to
23 Congress.

24 ➔Section 2. The Secretary of State is directed to transmit copies of this
25 application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate; the Speaker, Clerk,
26 and Judiciary Committee chair of the United States House of Representatives; members
27 of the Kentucky Senate and House of Representatives; members of the Kentucky

1 Congressional Delegation; and to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses
2 in the several states, requesting their cooperation.

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

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