

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
5 Supreme Court of the United States declared that states could not individually impose
6 term limits on their own federal delegations through state statutes, but could collectively
7 pass a term limits amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States empowers states to
9 propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States on the application of the
10 legislatures of two-thirds of the several states; and

11 WHEREAS, without term limits, members of Congress have an advantage in
12 elections that virtually guarantees a lifetime of reelections; and

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

16 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

18 ➡Section 1. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky hereby
19 applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United
20 States, for the calling of a convention for proposing amendments limited to proposing an
21 amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms
22 that a member may be elected to the United States House of Representatives and to the
23 United States Senate.

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

1 House of Representatives representing the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the
2 presiding officers of each legislative house of the several states, requesting their
3 cooperation.

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

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