



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 172: Term Limits for Congress.

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OVERVIEW: *House Joint Resolution 172 applies to the United States Congress for a Convention of the States to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to impose term limits on members of Congress.*

CURRENT LAW: Article V of the U. S. Constitution provides two methods for proposing amendments to the Constitution: 1) by a vote of two-thirds of both houses to propose amendments, and 2) by application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the States to call a Convention to propose amendments.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 makes application to Congress to call a convention to propose an amendment to the Constitution to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a Member of the United States House of Representatives and as a Member of the United States Senate.

Section 2 directs the Secretary of State to transmit copies of this application to the following persons:

- President.
- Secretary of the Senate of the United States.
- Speaker, Clerk, and Judiciary Committee Chairman of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States.
- Members of the Senate and House of Representatives from this State.
- Presiding officers of each of the state legislative houses.

Section 3 requires this application be considered as covering the same subject matter as the applications from other states to Congress to call a convention to set term limits for members of Congress and clarifies this application will counted for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require Congress to call a limited convention on this subject but will not be combined with any other applications on any other subject.

Section 4 makes this application a continuing application until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the states made applications on the same subject.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This resolution would be effective upon ratification.

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