



# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 151: Term Limits For Congress.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Joint Resolution 151 would create an application by the General Assembly to the United States Congress for a limited Convention of the States for the purpose of proposing a United States Constitutional amendment to impose term limits on members of Congress.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Article V of the United States Constitution provides that proposals to amend the federal Constitution can be made in either of the following ways:

- Two-thirds of Congress can propose amendments, or
- Two-thirds of state legislatures (34 states) can request that Congress call a convention for proposing amendments. (Article V Convention)

**BILL ANALYSIS:** HJR 151 would request that Congress call an Article V convention for the limited purpose of proposing 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.

The application for a convention on this topic would continue until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the states had also made applications on the same subject, but should not be combined with any other applications on any other subject. The North Carolina Secretary of State would be required to transmit the application to the relevant parties.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** HB 151 would be effective upon ratification.

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