
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 23, 2025

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Calling for a convention under Article V of the Constitution of
2 the United States to consider amendments that limit the
3 number of terms that members of Congress may serve and
4 establish and limit the terms of office for United States
5 Supreme Court Justices.

6 WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States
7 places substantial authority and responsibility upon the
8 legislatures of the several states to ensure that the Federal
9 Government and each of its branches remain within their
10 enumerated powers and remain protective of the rights of the
11 people; and

12 WHEREAS, A variety of important movements have arisen within
13 the legislatures of the several states to address a wide variety
14 of concerns that may be appropriately addressed within the
15 context of Article V; and

16 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
17 Pennsylvania wishes to address these various approaches in a
18 bipartisan and complementary manner; and

19 WHEREAS, An agreement to call for an Article V convention

1 does not commit the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
2 Pennsylvania to approve any proposal that may arise from any
3 subsequent convention; and

4 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
5 Pennsylvania is simply exercising its will to engage in a formal
6 process with other states to give full and authoritative
7 consideration to various proposals consistent with the topics
8 expressed by each of the applications that follow, and which are
9 only valid when formally ratified by three-fourths of the
10 several states; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
12 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby approve the following
13 two separate and distinct applications for an Article V
14 convention in one omnibus resolution with the following
15 understandings:

16 (1) this omnibus application shall have the same effect
17 as two distinct Article V applications enacted individually;
18 and

19 (2) each of the two applications is intended to
20 aggregate with applications from the sister states solely on
21 the topics stated therein and not with each other;
22 and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
24 Pennsylvania hereby make application to Congress, as provided by
25 Article V of the Constitution of the United States, to call a
26 convention limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution
27 of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that
28 a person may be elected as a member of the United States House
29 of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms
30 that an individual may be elected as a member of the United

1 States Senate; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That this application be considered as covering the
3 same subject matter as the applications from other states to
4 Congress to call a convention to set a limit on the number of
5 terms that an individual may be elected to the United States
6 House of Representatives and the United States Senate; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That this application be aggregated with same for
9 the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to
10 require Congress to call a limited convention on this subject,
11 but shall not be aggregated with applications on any other
12 subject; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That this application constitute a continuing
14 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of
15 the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds
16 of the several states have made applications on the same
17 subject; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
19 Pennsylvania make application to Congress, as provided by
20 Article V of the Constitution of the United States, to call a
21 convention limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution
22 of the United States to establish a process by which the
23 appointment of Supreme Court Justices can occur at regular time
24 intervals and limiting how long a Justice may serve on the
25 Court; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That this application be considered as covering the
27 same subject matter as the applications from other states to
28 Congress to call a convention to set a limit on the term of
29 United States Supreme Court Justices; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That this application be aggregated with same for

1 the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to
2 require Congress to call a limited convention on this subject,
3 but shall not be aggregated with applications on any other
4 subject; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That this application constitute a continuing
6 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of
7 the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds
8 of the several states have made applications on the same
9 subject; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of
11 Pennsylvania transmit copies of this application to the
12 President and Secretary of the Senate of the United States and
13 to the Speaker, Clerk and Judiciary Committee Chairman of the
14 House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States,
15 to members of the Senate and House of Representatives from
16 Pennsylvania and to the presiding officers of each of the
17 legislative houses in the several states requesting their
18 cooperation.