

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

APPLICATION FOR CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AMENDMENT TO THE U. S. CONSTITUTION

This Application issues for the purpose of requesting a convention to propose amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, which amendment would establish term limits for members of the United States Congress.

WHEREAS Article V of the Constitution of the United States of America allows this Legislature of the State of _____ to make application for a convention to propose an amendment to the Constitution:

BE IT RESOLVED that all previous applications for a convention that issued from this Legislature are hereby revoked and rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate/House of the State of _____, with the concurrence of the House/Senate of the State of _____, makes application to the Congress of the United States for a convention called to propose a new article of amendment to the Constitution that would limit the terms of members of Congress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Application shall not effect a general convention but shall exclusively effect a convention to propose an amendment that would limit the number of terms members of Congress may serve.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislature recommends, by way of information, that the convention take up and consider proposing an amendment such as:

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT XXVIII

Section 1. No person shall be elected to the Senate more than twice, and no Senator who has served for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected Senator shall be elected to the Senate more than once.

Section 2. No person shall be elected to the House of Representatives more than four times, and no Representative who has served for more than one year of a term to which some other person was elected Representative shall be elected to the House more than three times.

Section 3. No person shall be a Member of Congress for more than fourteen years in total.

Section 4. This article shall apply to Members of Congress when this article is ratified but shall not prevent any person who may be a Member of Congress during the term within which this article becomes operative from continuing to serve the remainder of such term.

Section 5. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that authority is reserved to rescind this Application at any time before Congress receives applications from two-thirds of the States, and that this otherwise constitutes a continuing Application under Article V of the Constitution until seven years from the date of this Application, at which time this Application shall expire.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Application shall remain in force and effect even if the Congress proposes an amendment to the Constitution identical in subject matter to that contained in this Application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if, within six months of the requisite number of states submitting applications to the Congress, Congress fails to call a convention or the convention has not otherwise established necessary rules, this state shall acknowledge a convention called according to the following default rules:

1. Each state legislature, whether directly or by other method established by each legislature, shall appoint a delegation to convene with the delegations of other states on the 2nd Monday in May next following, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
2. The delegation of the state which first enacted a valid pending application for the convention concerning Congressional term limits shall appoint the place of convention and shall appoint one from its delegation that will call the convention to order.
3. The convention shall do business if consisting of a quorum of delegations of not less than twenty six states, with all questions decided by the greater number of these, by one vote per state. A smaller number than twenty six may adjourn from day to day.

4. The delegate so appointed, after calling the convention to order, shall first receive nomination(s) and conduct election(s) for a presiding officer of the convention.
5. The presiding officer, so elected, shall receive nomination(s) and conduct election for a secretary of the convention.
6. The convention shall conclude within two weeks.
7. Unless the convention determines otherwise, the remaining rules of the convention shall be those adopted at the previous Philadelphia Convention, on May 28-29, 1787, which do not conflict with the foregoing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no provision of this Application is severable from the rest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the _____ of the _____ (Senate) and the _____ of the _____ (House) of this state shall jointly certify copies of this Application and send the same to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.