

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Judiciary

A RESOLUTION

1 **Requesting the United States Congress to call a convention of the states to propose an**
2 **amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms**
3 **that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives**
4 **and as a member of the United States Senate; and urging the legislatures of the other 49**
5 **states to request the United States Congress to call a convention of the states.**

6 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

7 **WHEREAS** the drafters of the Constitution of the United States empowered state
8 legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal
9 government; and

10 **WHEREAS** most Americans now understand that unlimited terms for elected
11 representatives to the United States Congress leads to abuses of federal power and no longer
12 reflects a democratic process or guarantees a democratic republic; and

13 **WHEREAS** it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of the people,
14 particularly for the generations to come, by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the
15 United States through a convention of the states under art. V to place clear restraints on these

1 and related abuses of power;

2 **BE IT RESOLVED** that, under art. V, Constitution of the United States, the Alaska
3 State Legislature respectfully applies to the United States Congress to call a convention of the
4 states for the limited purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
5 States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the
6 United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person
7 may be elected as a member of the United States Senate; and be it

8 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that this application shall be considered as covering the
9 same subject matter as the applications from other states to the United States Congress to call
10 a convention of the states to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected to
11 the United States House of Representatives and to the United States Senate; this application
12 shall be aggregated with applications with the same subject matter as the applications from
13 other states for the purpose of reaching the two-thirds of states necessary to require the United
14 States Congress to call a limited convention on this subject, but may not be aggregated with
15 any other applications on any other subject; and be it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that this application constitutes a continuing application in
17 accordance with art. V, Constitution of the United States, until at least two-thirds of the
18 legislatures of the several states have applied for a similar convention of the states; and be it

19 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the legislatures of
20 the other 49 states to apply to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states.

21 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of
22 the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice President of the United States and
23 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Paul D. Ryan, Speaker of the U.S. House of
24 Representatives; the Honorable Orrin Hatch, President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate; the
25 Honorable Julie E. Adams, Secretary of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Karen L. Haas, Clerk
26 of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan
27 Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the
28 Alaska delegation in Congress; and the presiding officers of the legislatures of each of the
29 other 49 states.