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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, AUGUST 8, 2023

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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  
20 does not commit the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of

1 Pennsylvania to approve any proposal that may arise from any  
2 subsequent convention; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29       RESOLVED, That this application be aggregated with same for  
30 the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to

1 require Congress to call a limited convention on this subject,  
2 but shall not be aggregated with applications on any other  
3 subject; and be it further

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

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