

# State of Vermont House of Representatives

Montpelier, Vermont



## Joint House Resolution

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Joint resolution relating to an application of the Vermont General Assembly for Congress to call a convention for proposing an amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Offered by: Representatives Helm of Fair Haven, Bancroft of Westford, Brennan of Colchester, Cupoli of Rutland City, Harrison of Chittenden, Hebert of Vernon, McCoy of Poultney, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, and Viens of Newport City

Whereas, members of the U.S. House and Senate may be elected for an unlimited number of terms, and

Whereas, although U.S. Representatives must stand for reelection biennially and U.S. Senators every six years, their extensive time away from home reduces their direct contact with the jurisdictions they represent, and

Whereas, the membership of Congress should change on a regular basis, in order that our federal legislators reflect the current thinking of their constituents and not become entrenched in our nation's capital, and

Whereas, the only way to accomplish this objective is by amending the U.S. Constitution to establish term limits on our federal legislators, now therefore be it

### Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly, pursuant to Article V of the U.S. Constitution, hereby petitions the U.S. Congress to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America that would place limitations on the number of terms that members of the U.S. House and Senate may serve, and be it further

Resolved: That this petition shall not be considered by the U.S. Congress until 33 other states submit petitions for the same purpose as Vermont proposes in this resolution and unless the Congress determines that the scope of the amendment to the U.S. Constitution that the convention shall consider shall be limited to the same purpose that Vermont has requested, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States; to the President Pro Tempore, Secretary, and Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary; to the Speaker, Clerk, and Chair of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary; to the Archivist of the United States; and to the Vermont Congressional Delegation.