

1 **Joint Resolution Concerning Federal Term Limits**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jerry W Stevenson

House Sponsor:

3 LONG TITLE**4 General Description:**

5 This resolution makes an application to Congress to call a convention for proposing an
6 amendment to the United States Constitution.

7 Highlighted Provisions:

8 This resolution:

9 ▶ makes an application to Congress to call a convention for proposing an amendment to the
10 United States Constitution in accordance with Article V of the Constitution; and
11 ▶ limits the scope of the convention to establishing a limit on the number of terms that a
12 person may be elected as a member of Congress.

13 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

14 None

15 Other Special Clauses:

16 None

18 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

19 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution provides the states with the
20 authority to call a convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution
21 on application by at least two-thirds of the states;

22 WHEREAS, this power provides the states with the leverage needed to force Congress to
23 act when it otherwise does not want to;

24 WHEREAS, the citizens of Utah and 22 other states, having passed statutes or state
25 constitutional amendments placing term limits on members of Congress, were overruled by the
26 Supreme Court of the United States;

27 WHEREAS, the Utah Legislature hereby joins with other states in instructing Congress to
28 draft an amendment to the Constitution placing term limits on members of Congress for
29 ratification by the states, the failure of which will result in the states taking action on their
30 own; and

31 WHEREAS, the Utah Legislature, a body of citizen legislators, desires to restore rotation in
32 office for members serving in Congress:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah hereby
34 makes an application to Congress, as provided by Article V of the Constitution of the United
35 States of America, to call a convention limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution
36 of the United States of America to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be
37 elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit to the
38 number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be considered as covering the
40 same subject matter as the applications from other states to Congress to call a convention to set
41 a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States
42 House of Representatives and the United States Senate and shall be aggregated with the same
43 for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require Congress to call a
44 limited convention on this subject, but shall not be aggregated with any other applications on
45 any other subject.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution constitutes a continuing application in
47 accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution until the legislatures of at least
48 two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Majority Leader
50 and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker, Clerk, and Judiciary Chairman of the
51 United States House of Representatives, the members of Utah's congressional delegation, and
52 the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states, requesting their
53 cooperation.