

1                   **JOINT RESOLUTION -- CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS**

2                                   2017 GENERAL SESSION

3                                   STATE OF UTAH

4                                   **Chief Sponsor: Timothy D. Hawkes**

5                                   Senate Sponsor: Howard A. Stephenson

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7   **LONG TITLE**

8   **General Description:**

9           This joint resolution of the Legislature applies to Congress to call a convention for  
10 proposing amendments to the United States Constitution.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12           This resolution:

- 13           ▶ applies to Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments to the United
- 14 States Constitution in accordance with Article V of the Constitution; and
- 15           ▶ limits the scope of the convention to establishing a limit on the number of terms that
- 16 a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives
- 17 and the United States Senate.

18 **Special Clauses:**

19           None

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

22           WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution provides that "on the  
23 application of the legislatures of two thirds of the several states, [Congress] shall call a  
24 convention for proposing amendments...to this Constitution":

25           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
26 hereby makes an application to Congress, as provided by Article V of the Constitution of the  
27 United States of America, to call a convention limited to proposing an amendment to the



28 Constitution of the United States of America to set a limit on the number of terms that a person  
29 may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on  
30 the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate.

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

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

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

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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