## **ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**



Fifty-fifth Legislature Second Regular Session

HCR2005: article V convention; term limits.

Sponsor: Representative Cook, LD 8

Committee on Government & Elections

## Overview

Expresses the formal application of the Arizona Legislature to the United States (U.S.) Congress for an Article V convention.

## <u>History</u>

Article V of the U.S. Constitution authorizes the states to propose amendments to the Constitution provided certain requirements are followed. In order to amend the U.S. Constitution, two-thirds of the several state legislatures must submit an application and call a convention for proposing amendments. These amendments then shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution.

## **Provisions**

- 1. States that the Arizona Legislature formally applies to the U.S. Congress to call a convention to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to set a limit on the number of terms a person may be elected as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate.
- 2. Directs the Secretary of State to transmit copies of this Resolution to the following people requesting their cooperation:
  - a) President of the U.S. Senate:
  - b) Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives;
  - c) Secretary of the U.S. Senate;
  - d) Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives;
  - e) Chairperson of the House Committee on Judiciary;
  - f) Each member of Congress from Arizona; and
  - g) The presiding officer of each legislative house in each state.
- 3. Stipulates that this application is considered as covering the same subject matter as the applications from other states to call a convention to set term limits for a person elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate.
- 4. Instructs this application to be aggregated with the other state applications for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require Congress to call a limited convention for the purpose of setting term limits for members of Congress.
- 5. Prohibits this application from being aggregated with any other application on any other subject.
- 6. Specifies that this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the U.S. Constitution until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the states have made the same application.

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