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## 1 House Concurrent Resolution

2 A concurrent resolution applying to the Congress of  
3 the United States to call a convention for the sole  
4 purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of  
5 the United States to set a limit on the number of  
6 terms to which a person may be elected as a member of  
7 the United States House of Representatives and to set  
8 a limit on the number of terms to which a person may  
9 be elected as a member of the United States Senate.

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11 WHEREAS, a continuous and growing concern has been  
12 expressed that the best interests of the nation will be served  
13 by limiting the terms of members of Congress, and

14 WHEREAS, the voters of the State of Florida, by the  
15 gathering of petition signatures, placed on the general election  
16 ballot of 1992 a measure to limit the consecutive years of  
17 service for several offices, including the offices of United  
18 States Representative and United States Senator, and

19 WHEREAS, the voters of Florida incorporated this limitation  
20 into the State Constitution as Section 4 of Article VI, by an  
21 approval vote that exceeded 76 percent in the general election  
22 of 1992, and

23 WHEREAS, in 1995, the United States Supreme Court ruled in  
24 U.S. Term Limits, Inc. v. Thornton, 514 U.S. 779 (1995), a five-  
25 to-four decision, that the individual states did not possess the

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26 requisite authority to establish term limits, or additional  
 27 qualifications, for persons elected to the United States House  
 28 of Representatives or the United States Senate, and

29 WHEREAS, on February 10, 2016, the Legislature of the  
 30 State of Florida passed House Memorial 417, which applied to  
 31 Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing  
 32 amendments to the Constitution of the United States to set a  
 33 limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as  
 34 a member of the United States House of Representatives and to  
 35 set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be  
 36 elected as a member of the United States Senate, and

37 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida intends to  
 38 conform its application to the active applications for an  
 39 Article V convention to propose amendments to set a limit on the  
 40 number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of  
 41 the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on  
 42 the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member  
 43 of the United States Senate, made to Congress by the States of  
 44 Alabama, Missouri, and Wisconsin, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 46 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
 47 Florida, the Senate Concurring:

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 49 (1) That the Legislature of the State of Florida applies  
 50 to Congress, under Article V of the Constitution of the United

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51 States, to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing  
52 amendments to the Constitution of the United States to set a  
53 limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as  
54 a member of the United States House of Representatives and to  
55 set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be  
56 elected as a member of the United States Senate.

57 (2) That this application is to be considered as covering  
58 the same subject matter as the presently outstanding  
59 applications from other states to set a limit on the number of  
60 terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the United  
61 States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number  
62 of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the  
63 United States Senate and is to be aggregated with the  
64 applications from those states for the purpose of attaining the  
65 two-thirds number of states necessary to require the calling of  
66 a convention, but may not be aggregated with applications on any  
67 other subject calling for a constitutional convention under  
68 Article V of the Constitution of the United States.

69 (3) That this application constitutes a continuing  
70 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of  
71 the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds  
72 of the states have made applications on the same subject.

73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this concurrent resolution is  
74 revoked and withdrawn, nullified, and superseded to the same  
75 effect as if it had never been passed, and retroactive to the

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76 | date of passage, if it is used for the purpose of calling a  
77 | convention or used in support of conducting a convention to  
78 | amend the Constitution of the United States with any agenda  
79 | other than to propose amendments to the Constitution to set a  
80 | limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as  
81 | a member of the United States House of Representatives and to  
82 | set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be  
83 | elected as a member of the United States Senate.

84 |       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this application be  
85 | dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
86 | President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
87 | United States House of Representatives, to each member of the  
88 | Florida delegation to the United States Congress, and to the  
89 | presiding officer of each house of the legislature of each  
90 | state.