
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 251 Session of
2013

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 18, 2013

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Calling for an amendment to the Constitution of the United
2 States in accordance with Article V establishing term limits
3 for members of Congress.

4 WHEREAS, The founding fathers who drafted the Constitution of
5 the United States never intended Congress to be a full-time
6 legislature; and

7 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States was intended to be
8 made up of farmers, businessmen, doctors, lawyers and anyone who
9 was able and willing to take time away from their main
10 occupation to serve their neighbors and friends in representing
11 them in Congress; and

12 WHEREAS, Congress was designed as a part-time legislature
13 because the founders feared that if it was not, it would become
14 like the English Parliament, a ruling class of career
15 politicians who serve to increase their own power and finances;
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED (the House of Representatives concurring), That the
18 General Assembly, in accordance with Article V of the
19 Constitution of the United States, call for an amendment to

1 provide that no person may serve more than 12 years as a member
2 of Congress, whether such service is exclusively in the House or
3 the Senate or combined in both houses; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, Upon ratification of this article, any incumbent
5 member of Congress whose term exceeds the 12-year limit shall
6 complete the term but thereafter shall be ineligible for further
7 service as a member of Congress; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
9 the President of the United States, the presiding officers of
10 each house of Congress, to each member of Congress from
11 Pennsylvania and to the other 49 State legislatures.