

HJR 22: U.S. TERM LIMITS

What is HJR 22?

- HJR 22 is a single-topic resolution requesting U.S. Congress to propose a Congressional Term Limits Amendment.
- States have the power to do this under Article V of the Constitution

Why is there a need for U.S. Term limits?

- Restore a Citizen Legislature
- Bring State-Specific Experience to D.C.
- Bring Private Sector Experience to D.C.

Restoring a Citizen Legislature

- Most states are governed by citizen legislators who serve part time and live in small districts.
- State legislative races generally have lower barriers to entry, because challengers don't need a campaign war-chest
- Term limits in Congress would generate open seat races with fewer barriers to entry
- As a result, this lessens federal lawmakers' reliance on special interests
- Maintains closeness and accountability with constituents

Bring State Experience to D.C.

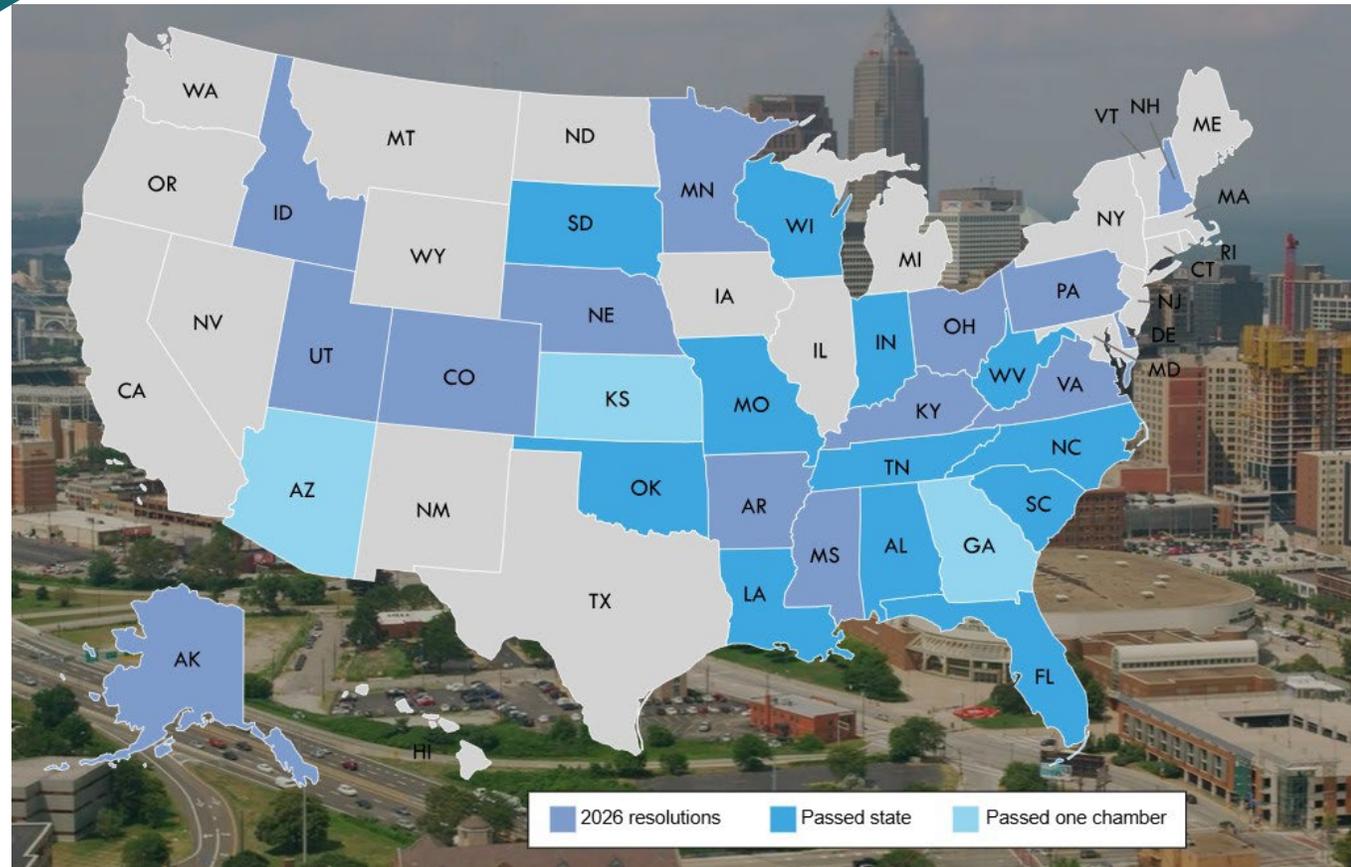
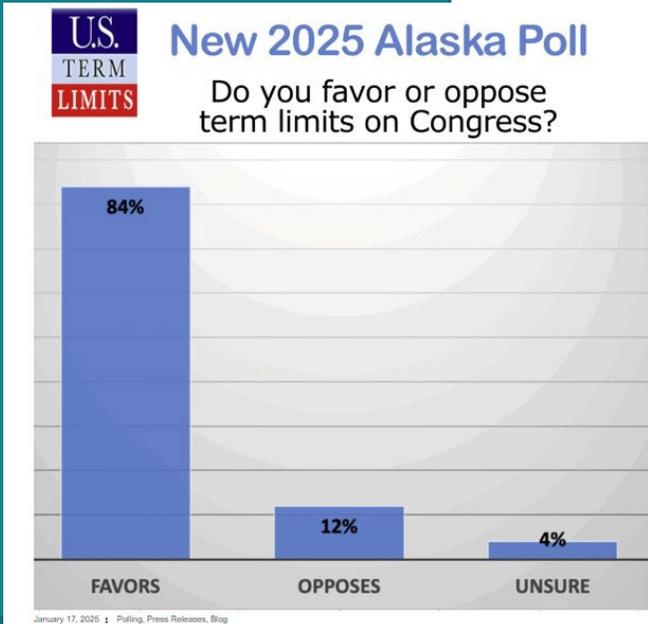
- States were intended to be laboratories of innovation – they consistently deliver on that premise
- Oftentimes, stagnation in Washington prevents the states' best and most creative ideas being prevented at the Federal level
- Stagnation results in a lack of innovation
- Term limits provide a gateway to bring new ideas to Washington

Bring Private Sector Expertise to D.C.

- At the federal level, there is very little pathway for an individual with private sector success to serve meaningfully in Congress without fully abandoning their private career
- Therefore, Congress has become a place for individuals who only mainly have political experience, as successful professionals choose not to run
- With term limits, industrious people could run and serve for a short time, bringing diversity and experience to a body which lacks it.

Support for HJR 22

- 84% of Alaskans support implementing U.S. term limits, with the national average for support polling around 80%
- No other issue enjoys such a wide level of support across party lines



- Currently, 12 states have passed calls for a term limits amendment, with 16 states having term limits for their state legislators already set in statute

Questions?