

# HJR 13 Federal Term Limits

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- ❖ Calls for a convention of the states to set term limits for members of Congress in both the House of Representatives and the U.S Senate
- ❖ 2/3 of states would need to pass a resolution for a convention on federal term limits to occur
- ❖ The convention would propose and would be held solely for an amendment on federal term limits
- ❖ 3/4 of states would need to ratify the amendment to become part of the U.S. Constitution

# Why do we need term limits?

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- ❖ Incumbents in Congress raise an average of 5 times more money as their challengers and win approx. 95% of the time
- ❖ Politicians can focus on making the most of their time in office rather than constantly campaigning for re-election
- ❖ Encourages fresh perspectives in government
- ❖ Reduces incumbent advantage by making it easier for newcomers to challenge them

# Term Limits on the Federal Level

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- ❖ Up until the 31<sup>st</sup> president, previous presidents had voluntarily stepped down after serving two terms
- ❖ On March 21, 1947, Congress proposed a resolution calling for a set limit of two terms and sent it to the states for ratification
- ❖ The 22<sup>nd</sup> amendment was ratified on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 1951, when Minnesota became the 36<sup>th</sup> state (3/4<sup>ths</sup>) to approve the proposed constitutional amendment
- ❖ A president may not be elected for more than two terms

# Alaska: Do you favor or oppose term limits for members of Congress?

U.S. Term Limits Survey of 514 Likely Voters  
Conducted by RMG Research, January 2-10, 2024

		Gender		Age					Race		Party			College			
	Total	Men	Wom	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	White	Other	GOP	Dem	Ind	None	Some	Bach	Post
Favors	84%	86%	83%	83%	83%	93%	80%	86%	85%	81%	85%	86%	81%	85%	81%	85%	87%
Strongly approve	60%	61%	60%	50%	56%	73%	62%	60%	62%	53%	68%	52%	60%	64%	60%	62%	55%
Strongly disapprove	3%	4%	3%	5%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	6%	3%	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	1%