

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES TOMASZEWSKI, Gray, Kopp, Costello, McCabe, Bynum, Frier, Prax, Holland, Moore, St. Clair, Vance

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Requesting the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution of**
2 **the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a**
3 **member of the United States House of Representatives and as a member of the United**
4 **States Senate; and requesting the United States Congress to call for a constitutional**
5 **convention of the states to propose a single amendment to the Constitution of the United**
6 **States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of**
7 **the United States House of Representatives and as a member of the United States**
8 **Senate.**

9 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

10 **WHEREAS** art. V, Constitution of the United States, provides the states with the
11 authority to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the
12 Constitution of the United States on application by at least two-thirds of the states; and

13 **WHEREAS** that power provides the states with the leverage needed to force the
14 United States Congress to act when the United States Congress otherwise does not want to;

1 and

2 **WHEREAS** the citizens of this state and 22 other states, having passed statutes or
3 state constitutional amendments placing term limits on members of the United States
4 Congress, were overruled by the United States Supreme Court; and

5 **WHEREAS** the citizens of this state are overwhelmingly supportive of placing term
6 limits on members of the United States Congress; and

7 **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature, a body of citizen legislators, desires to
8 restore rotation in office for members serving in the United States Congress;

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature joins other states in instructing
10 the United States Congress to draft an amendment on term limits and to send the amendment
11 to the states for ratification, failing which the states will act independently; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that, under art. V,
13 Constitution of the United States, the Alaska State Legislature formally applies to the United
14 States Congress to call a convention limited to proposing an amendment to the United States
15 Constitution to set a limit on the number of terms a person may be elected as a member of the
16 United States House of Representatives and as a member of the United States Senate; and be
17 it

18 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests that this
19 application be considered as covering the same subject matter as the applications from other
20 states to the United States Congress to call a convention to set a limit on the number of terms
21 that a person may be elected to the United States House of Representatives and the United
22 States Senate; and be it

23 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests that this
24 application be aggregated with the applications of other states for the purpose of attaining the
25 two-thirds of the states necessary to require the United States Congress to call a limited
26 convention for the purpose of setting term limits on the members of the United States
27 Congress, but that this application not be aggregated with any other application on any other
28 subject; and be it

29 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution constitutes a continuing application in
30 accordance with art. V, Constitution of the United States, until the legislatures of at least two-
31 thirds of the states have made applications on the same subject.

1 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable JD Vance, Vice President of
2 the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker of
3 the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Jackie Barber, Secretary of the U.S. Senate;
4 the Honorable Kevin McCumber, Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable
5 Jim Jordan, Chair of the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary; the Honorable Lisa
6 Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nicholas
7 Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and the
8 presiding officers of the legislatures of each of the other 49 states.