

**To:** United States Term Limits  
**From:** John McLaughlin  
**Re:** Kentucky Statewide – Executive Summary – Voters Overwhelmingly Support Term Limits for Congress  
**Date:** November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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**Survey Summary:**

The results of our statewide survey show that voters in Kentucky overwhelmingly believe in implementing term limits on members of Congress. Support for term limits is broad and strong across all political, geographic and demographic groups. An overwhelming 84% of voters approve of a Constitutional Amendment that will place term limits on members of Congress. The leading reasons among those who approve of term limits for Congress are: *They've been in office too long (33%), new people / fresh ideas (14%), generally support term limits (11%), don't represent the people (11%), abuse of power (5%), corruption / big money (5%), and anti-career politicians (5%).* More than 4 in 5 voters (83%) would want their state representative and state senator to vote in favor of an amendment proposing convention to implement term limits on members of Congress.

***Do you approve or disapprove of a Constitutional Amendment that will place term limits on members of Congress?***

	Total	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	White	Non-White
<b>Approve</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>90</b>
Strongly	65	67	63	75	65	71
Somewhat	19	15	23	21	19	18
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
Somewhat	5	5	6	0	5	8
Strongly	6	6	6	4	6	3
<b>D.K./Refused</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

***If the state legislatures of two-thirds of the states vote to call an amendment proposing convention to recommend an amendment to place term limits on members of Congress, would you want your state senator and state representative to vote yes or no on this bill?***

	Total	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	White	Non-White
<b>Yes</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>

Four out of five Kentucky voters, 80%, are more likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who supports implementing term limits on Congress, with a majority, 52%, who are much more likely. Two-thirds of the voters, 63%, say that they would be less likely to vote for a candidate who opposes implementing term limits on members of Congress, 40% much less likely. More than three out of four voters, 76%, are more likely to vote for their state legislator if this legislator voted to place term limits on Congress through an amendment proposing convention, even though these legislators do not currently have term limits on themselves.

*Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who supports implementing term limits for members of Congress?*

	Total	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	White	Non-White
<b>More Likely</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>87</b>
Much More	52	56	50	42	51	58
Somewhat More	29	24	31	42	29	29
<b>Less Likely</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>
Somewhat Less	4	2	4	8	4	0
Much Less	5	5	5	4	5	5
<b>No Difference</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>D.K./Refused</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

*Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who opposes implementing term limits for members of Congress?*

	Total	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	White	Non-White
<b>More Likely</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>
Much More	14	11	15	17	13	18
Somewhat More	8	8	9	0	8	5
<b>Less Likely</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>66</b>
Somewhat Less	24	21	24	33	24	24
Much Less	40	41	38	46	39	42
<b>No Difference</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>D.K./Refused</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>

*At present the Kentucky State Legislature does NOT have term limits on itself. However, if your state legislator voted to place term limits on Congress through an amendment proposing convention, in the next statewide election, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for your state legislator?*

	Total	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	White	Non-White
<b>More Likely</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>82</b>
Much More	49	50	78	54	48	55
Somewhat More	27	25	27	38	28	26
<b>Less Likely</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>
Somewhat Less	5	5	4	4	4	11
Much Less	6	4	7	4	5	8
<b>No Difference</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>D.K./Refused</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

## Conclusions:

Kentucky voters overwhelmingly support calling an amendment proposing convention to place term limits on members of Congress. The support for term limits is strong, broad and intense, to vote for state legislators who will vote “yes” on term limits, and against those who will vote “no” against term limits for members of Congress.

**Methodology:**

This poll of 400 likely general election voters in Kentucky was conducted on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 through November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

All interviews were conducted via telephone by professional interviewers. Interview selection was random within predetermined election units. 147 interviews (37%) were completed on cell-phones. These samples were then combined and structured to correlate with actual voter turnout in a general election.

This poll of 400 likely general election voters in Kentucky has an accuracy of +/- 4.9% at a 95% confidence interval.

**Key Demographics:**

**Party:**

	<b>Total</b>
Republican	43
Democrat	51
Independent/Other	6
Refused	1

**Gender:**

	<b>Total</b>
Men	47
Women	53

**Ideology:**

	<b>Total</b>
Liberal	18
Moderate	32
Conservative	47
Refused	4

**Race:**

	<b>Total</b>
White	89
Asian/Asian American	10
African American	8
Hispanic	1
Other	1
Refused	2

**Age:**

	<b>Total</b>
18-29	11
30-40	16
41-55	28
56-65	21
Over 65	23
Refused	1

**Interview:**

	<b>Total</b>
Cell	63
Landline	37