

# No Uncertain Terms

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## West Virginia Approves Term Limits Convention

After two years of grassroots lobbying, in March, the West Virginia state senate joined the state house in approving the call for a Term Limits on Congress Convention. West Virginia now joins the growing list of states that are bypassing Congress to impose term limits on the U.S. House and Senate.

“This is another historic victory for the term limits movement,” says USTL Executive Director Nick Tomboulides. “We’ve been on the ground in West Virginia for two years pushing for this. And now, thanks to our volunteers, donors, our field team and especially our allies in the West Virginia State House and Senate, we the people finally prevailed!”

**The application was officially filed in Congress and gives notice that West Virginia is to be counted towards the 34 state applications required to call a term limits convention.** The effort was sponsored by West Virginia state Senator Randy Smith and house Delegate Jeff Pack. Senator Randy Smith commented on the victory, “I’m glad to see West Virginia moved one step closer to reeling in career politicians and a runaway Congress by passing HCR9 this morning and sending a message to D.C. that a majority of the citizens in this state are fed up with their deaf ear to we the people.”



West Virginia USTL Volunteers successfully lobbied for the Term Limits Convention.

“After two years of partial success, the West Virginia Legislature has finally passed our US Term Limits Resolu-

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## Volunteers Turn Out in Record Numbers for Term Limits Day 2021

On February 27th term limits supporters from around the country held corner rallies, waved signs, wrote letters to the editor and posted on social media in record numbers.

Term Limits Day falls on February 27th every year. **It is celebrated on the anniversary of the 1951 ratification of the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution was ratified which limits the President to two terms in office.**

Today, the unofficial holiday isn’t acknowledged by many professional politicians for obvious reasons, but it has been catching on as more and more citizens become fed up with politics as usual.

Term limits **advocates** like Senators Ted Cruz, Rand Paul and Rick Scott promoted the occasion online.

USTL field staff streamed local Term Limits Day **activities** via Facebook Live.

Executive Director Nick Tomboulides delivered term limits yard signs. “I was walking up to a house that had



Images from Term Limits Day 2021.

requested a sign, and there was a guy across the street who was digging a hole. And he must have been like 100 feet away, and he spotted my Term Limit Congress sign out of the corner of his eye. And he just screams out, ‘Hell yeah, man. Term limits for Congress, that’s what we need!’ It was amazing,” he recounted on the No Unlimited Terms podcast.

USTL President Philip Blumel even conducted his annual

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# President's Corner

BY PHILIP BLUMEL

2021 is shaping up to be a banner year for the term limits movement.

Already we've helped convince the West Virginia legislator to bypass Congress and pass a resolution calling for the Term Limits Convention.

We celebrated National Term Limits Day in record fashion.

Fourteen states are currently considering our Term Limits Convention legislation.

And our term limits amendment has been introduced in both houses of Congress where we hope to soon have more than one-hundred cosponsors.

Term limits is on a roll. And it's all thanks to our volunteers and financial supporters like you.

We are battling the special interests, the entrenched career politicians in both political parties, and in many cases the news media and academia. We are winning!

Term limits for the U.S. Congress won't happen this year. Our strategy of bypassing Capitol Hill and lobbying state-by-state to call the Term Limits Convention will take time. However, I'm 100% convinced it will work.

Thank you, and let's keep winning!

Sincerely,

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-- U.S. Supreme Court in *American Communications Association v. Douds*

# Term Limits Podcast Continues to Grow: Weekly Show Rallies Term Limits Volunteers from Coast to Coast

U.S. Term Limits' "No Uncertain Terms" podcast recently streamed its 130th show and has become the one of the most successful avenues for recruiting, informing, and mobilizing supporters of term limits from coast-to-coast.

The weekly show combines humor with updates on the nationwide effort to term limit professional politicians. It streams each Monday and is hosted by USTL President Philip Blumel.

Term limits supporters can listen to, or simply read a transcript of each show by visiting [termlimits.com/podcast](http://termlimits.com/podcast).

Recent episodes of the podcast have covered everything from term limits battles in Georgia and West Virginia, to the importance of term limits for women who wish to run for office.





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- Term Limits Day celebrations around the country
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## Status Update: Where Term Limits Convention Legislation Currently Stands in the States

<b>Pending Introduction:</b>	Kentucky senate Louisiana house and senate Maine senate North Carolina senate Tennessee senate
<b>Awaiting Floor Vote:</b>	Arizona house and senate
<b>Awaiting Committee Vote:</b>	US House and Senate Georgia house Kentucky house Maine house Minnesota house and senate Pennsylvania house Rhode Island senate South Carolina house and senate Wisconsin house and senate
<b>Passed One Chamber:</b>	Georgia senate North Carolina house Tennessee house

# Term Limits In The News



## **MARYLAND:**

A bipartisan bill to allow voters to term limit Baltimore County Council members recently failed on a razor-thin 4-3 vote.



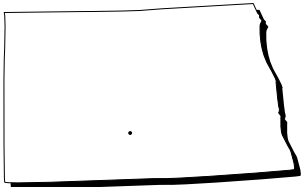
## **MISSOURI:**

State legislators have launched an effort to lift constitutional amendment 12 which imposed term limits on members of the state legislature. The amendment was passed in 1992. Should the effort to repeal it be placed on the Missouri ballot, voters will have the chance to defend state term limits in 2022.



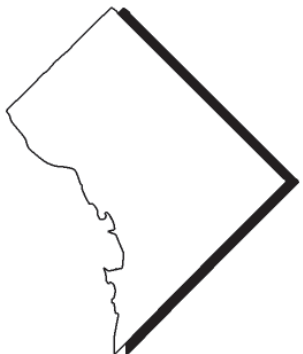
## **NORTH CAROLINA:**

The North Carolina state house has approved the call for the Term Limits Convention. The measure is now up for consideration in the state senate.



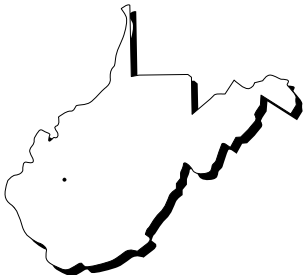
## **NORTH DAKOTA:**

State legislators recently killed a bill calling for the convening of the Term Limits Convention. USTL efforts to pass this legislation still continue, however.



## **WASHINGTON, D.C.:**

The usually pro-political establishment Washington Post recently ran a column penned by liberal commentator Kathleen Parker titled: "It's time to talk about term limits for the Senate." It's time for term limits in the U.S. House, too, but progress is progress!



## **WEST VIRGINIA:**

The USTL term limits convention resolution passed the entire legislature and has been filed in Congress.



# Senator Cruz and Representative Norman Introduce Term Limits in Congress

Two resolutions have been introduced in Congress calling for twelve years maximum terms in the U.S. Senate and six years total in the U.S. House of Representatives. Senate Joint Resolution 3 (SJR3), sponsored by Texas Senator Ted Cruz, has fourteen senators signed on to the measure with more expected to sign on as cosponsors.

House Joint Resolution 12 (HJR12), sponsored by South Carolina Rep. Ralph Norman has a total of 64 members on board with another dozen or so house members pledged to cosponsor.

U.S. Term Limits expects support for both resolutions to exceed 100 members during the 117th Congress.

Senator Todd Young is one of the original cosponsors of SJR3. He said that “placing term limits on the federal legislative branch will bring fresh perspectives to Congress and ensure that our nation’s

leaders are in touch with the lives, needs and aspirations of the people they represent.”

“Support for term limits in Congress has never been as fervent as it is now,” says Nicolas Tomboulides, Executive Director of U.S. Term Limits. He added, “these politicians have the guts to admit the institution is broken and know the solution is a congressional term limits amendment.”

According to the last nationwide poll on term limits conducted by McLaughlin & Associates, term limits enjoy

wide bipartisan support. McLaughlin’s analysis states, “Support for term limits is broad and strong across all political, geographic and demographic groups. An overwhelming **80%** of voters approve of a constitutional amendment that will place term limits on members of Congress.”



**Senator Ted Cruz and Congressman Ralph Norman have introduced USTL’s term limits legislation and are working to force a vote on their measures this summer.**

## Show the Professional Politicians What YOU Think of Them

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# Cowan Leads Term Limits Convention Effort in Georgia

Neurosurgeon and former congressional candidate Dr. John Cowan is leading U.S. Term Limits' effort to convince the Georgia state house to bypass Congress and approve the Term Limits convention resolution.

"Dr. Cowan is a passionate and effective advocate for our cause who knows Georgia politics. If anyone can help us add Georgia to the growing list of states approving the Term Limits Convention it is him," says USTL President Philip Blumel.

Legislators in Georgia have been reluctant to call the Term Limits Convention. Last legislative session USTL's measure passed the state senate but was never allowed a vote in the state **house**. Cowan's job is to round up the votes to push it through **both chambers by the end of the 2022 legislative session**.

Senate Joint Resolution (SR28) sponsored by Sen. Bill Cowsert **has already passed**, and House Joint Resolution (HR39) introduced by Rep. Beth Camp **is still pending a committee vote**. **Passing the house** would add Georgia to the growing list of states seeking to propose a congressional term limits amendment to the U.S. Constitution. According to Dr. Cowan, "The Constitution grants the states the authority to propose and ratify amendments. In a time when the Federal government will not act, the states must. More than 80% of Georgians agree."

"When the U.S. Constitution was written, there was no such thing as a career politician. The thought of anyone spending 30, 40, or 50 years in office was outrageous. Most Americans agree that it is outrageous even now." claims Representative Camp. She added, "The current system of incumbents using their political influence to hold power from election to death has resulted in an out-of-touch institution that seeks self-preservation above all else."

A poll taken by McLaughlin and Associates shows that 82% of likely voters in Georgia support term limits on Congress, including strong support across party lines. 83% of

Republicans, 74% of Democrats, and 82% of independents in the poll support the reform. Only 9% said they do not support term limits.

"Georgia is one of our top targets this year, explains USTL Executive Director Nick Tomboulides. "We've come so close to victory in the past. Dr. Cowan, I believe, can get us those last few votes we need."



**Dr. John Cowan is leading the campaign in Georgia to bypass Congress and call the Term Limits Convention.**

Dr. Cowan is relentlessly lobbying Georgia legislators and promoting the term limits cause through local media. He recently appeared on the Atlanta-based Erick Erickson Radio show.

## What YOU Can Do to Help Impose Term Limit on Congress

<https://www.termlimits.com/volunteer/>

U.S. Term Limits is looking for volunteers who can spend an hour or more a week, working from home, helping to end career politicians everywhere. You'll be able to shine as a member of our grassroots team in whatever capacity suits you best.

Good at social media? Want to help get pledges signed by term limits candidates and legislators? How about researching or coordinating events? We can't do it alone and truly rely on the dedication of our volunteers to make term limits on Congress (and elsewhere) a reality.

# WV Approves Term Limits Convention (cont'd from page 1)

tion. HCR9 is in response to the majority of West Virginians who have demanded their legislature take action to rein in the federal government,” said Delegate Pack. “The final vote in the West Virginia state senate wasn’t even close,” explains Tomboulides. “We won on a bipartisan voice vote. In two years we went from not being able to pass the Term Limits Amendment call to easily sailing through the senate.”

Over the last two years the USTL field team used everything from Facebook ads, to volunteer phone calls, to highway billboards targeting State Senator Mike Romano who **blocked** USTL’s legislation by filibuster **last session**.

“An overwhelming number of Americans support term limits. Republicans, Democrats, independents – everyone loves the idea. **We are organizing and getting** ordinary people to work together so that we will bypass Congress and impose term limits on professional politicians in D.C.,” Tomboulides explains. “West Virginia proved it. Now we need to duplicate that effort in other states.”

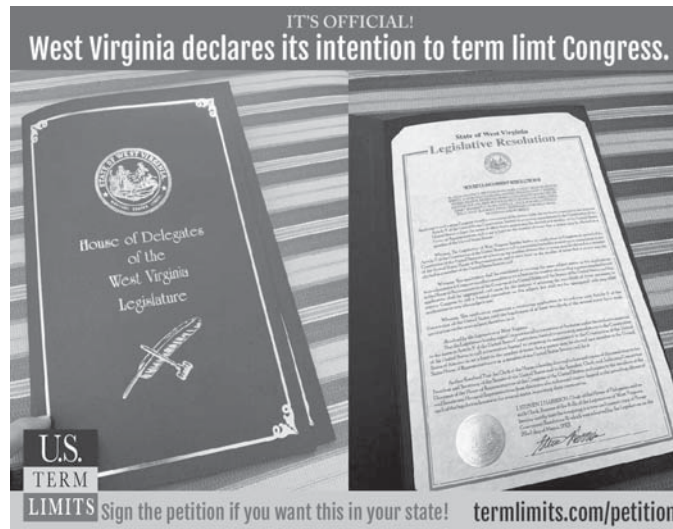
USTL’s plan is to recreate the success of the West Virginia lobbying campaign in states like Arizona, Georgia, Tennessee, Wisconsin and others where term limits field teams are already on the ground and working. (See page

six for more on the effort in Georgia.)

“**When volunteers help** on the ground and **donors help us** raise the money for the targeted ads, rallies and phone banks we need, I believe we’ll convince several more states to support the Term Limits Convention this spring,” Tomboulides says. “We have the right strategy, we have

public opinion on our side, we now know for sure what tactics work on these state legislators. All we need are the resources **to be able to execute.**”

The key to USTL’s strategy is that the U.S. Constitution provides the state legislatures authority to propose amendments without the approval of Congress. To make it happen, 34 state legislatures must pass resolutions to call a convention for the states to propose a congressional term limits amendment. The process gets complicated, however, because the states don’t always pass the exact same application. Today, there are four state legislatures that



**After two years of USTL grassroots activism and lobbying, West Virginia successfully joins the list of states authorizing a convention to bypass Congress and impose term limits on the U.S. House and Senate.**

have passed the U.S. Term Limits single-subject application for congressional term limits, and there are 15 that have passed applications for multiple subjects that include congressional term limits.

## Volunteers Turn Out (cont'd from page 1)

“Term Limits Day Annual Lecture” at Palm Beach Atlantic University while also organizing a sign wave with ardent supporters in West Palm.

“This year Term Limits Day was bigger than ever,” says Tomboulides. “I think people have had enough and no matter what their politics, they realize that term limits is the answer.” People are honking away at these signs when they see it at the intersection, and it doesn’t matter what... You get a car with a Bernie sticker on it, they’re honking. They love term limits. You get a car with a Trump sticker on it, they’re honking. They love term limits. Only thumbs up. I didn’t see a single middle finger. In fact, I only saw a middle finger one time, ever, when I was holding a term limit sign, and that’s when my state legislator drove by.”



More images from Term Limits Day 2021.

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## **Outrageous Congress! House to work 25% less in 2021 . . . for the same pay!**

Here's the latest Congressional Outrage. The U.S. House of Representatives plans to work twenty-five percent FEWER days in 2021.

But the career politicians will still pay themselves the same amount! Next year, our representatives plan to be in session only 101 days. That's working just about two days per week for \$174,000 per year.

Members of Congress set their own hours and salary, and in 2020, 95% of them were re-elected. And then there are the perks: Free flights home. Cars. Drivers. Premium health care. Staff. Offices. Gyms and restaurants.

**We need term limits now!**

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