

Resolution being presented to the YCRC for passage on 11/8/2021

**RESOLUTION ON ARTICLE V CONVENTION FOR
PROPOSING CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT
TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION**

WHEREAS, legislative term limits improve citizen access to office, broaden the range of experience in a political body, improve incentives faced by lawmakers, and mandate competitive elections at regular intervals;

WHEREAS, recent national polling (Scott Rasmussen National Survey of 1,200 Registered Voters Conducted October 5-6, 2021) indicates 82% of voters of all parties continue to support term limits, including 87% of Republicans, 83% Democrats, and 78% of Independents;

WHEREAS, The States ratified the 22nd Amendment for Presidential Term Limits in 1951, and what is good for the presidency should be good for the Congress;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States (*U.S. Term Limits v Thornton, 1995*) declared that term limits for Congress could only be imposed by a constitutional amendment;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress has for decades refused to send a Congressional Term Limits Amendment to the States for ratification in spite of broad popular support;

WHEREAS, Article V of the U.S. Constitution provides an alternate means of proposing constitutional amendments via a single-topic convention for proposing an amendment that does not require a Congressional vote;

WHEREAS, upon receiving applications from two-thirds of the state legislatures, Congress must call a convention for the purpose of proposing the amendment concurred in the applications.;

THE YORK COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE HEREBY RESOLVES that it requests the Maine Legislature pass an Article V application for a convention to propose an amendment for the sole and specific purpose of limiting the terms of office for the members of the U.S. House and Senate.

Date 11/10/2021

Chairman
(Signature)

