

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSION RESOLUTION ON ARTICLE V TERM LIMITS CONVENTION

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 2021) indicates 82% of voters of all parties continue to support term limits, including 87% of Republicans and 83% of Democrats;

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


WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress has steadfastly 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 convention of the states that does not require a Congressional vote;

WHEREAS, upon receiving official calls from two-thirds of the states, Congress must call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments;

THE JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES that the TENNESSEE legislature make an official Article V call to convene an amendment convention for the specific purpose of limiting the terms of the U.S. Congress.


COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIR


COUNTY CLERK

