

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Wood offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove lines 46-51 and insert:

5 (1) That the Legislature of the State of Florida hereby  
6 applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the  
7 Constitution of the United States, to call a convention limited  
8 to the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the  
9 Constitution limiting the number of consecutive terms which a  
10 person may serve in the United States Senate or the United  
11 States House of Representative.

12 (2) That this application constitutes a continuing  
13 application in accordance with Article V until the Legislatures

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14 of at least two-thirds of the states have made application on  
15 the same subject.

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18 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

19 Remove lines 3-42 and insert:  
20 applying to Congress to call a convention for the sole  
21 purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution  
22 of the United States that would limit the consecutive  
23 terms of office which a member of the United States  
24 Senate or the United States House of Representatives  
25 may serve.

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27 WHEREAS Article V of the Constitution of the United States  
28 requires Congress to call a convention for the sole purpose of  
29 proposing amendments to the Constitution upon application of  
30 two-thirds of the states, and

31 WHEREAS, a continuous and growing concern has been  
32 expressed that the best interests of this nation will be served  
33 by limiting the terms of members of Congress, a concern  
34 expressed by the Founding Fathers and incorporated into the  
35 Articles of Confederation, and

36 WHEREAS, the voters of the State of Florida, by the  
37 gathering of petition signatures, placed on the general election  
38 ballot of 1992 a measure to limit the consecutive years of

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39 service for several offices, including the offices of United  
40 States Senator and United States Representative, and

41 WHEREAS, the voters of Florida incorporated this limitation  
42 into the State Constitution as Section 4, Article VI, by an  
43 approval vote that exceeded 76 percent in the general election  
44 of 1992, and

45 WHEREAS, in 1995, the United States Supreme Court ruled in  
46 *U.S. Term Limits, Inc. v. Thornton*, 514 U.S. 779 (1995), a five-  
47 to-four decision, that the individual states did not possess the  
48 requisite authority to establish term limits, or additional  
49 qualifications, for persons elected to the United States Senate  
50 or United States House of Representatives, and

51 WHEREAS, upon reflecting on the intent of the voters of  
52 this state and their overwhelming support of congressional term  
53 limits, the Legislature, in its 114th Regular Session since  
54 Statehood in 1845, did express through a memorial to Congress  
55 the desire to receive an amendment to the Constitution of the  
56 United States to limit the number of consecutive terms that a  
57 person may serve in the United States Senate or the United  
58 States House of Representatives, and

59 WHEREAS, the Legislature, in its 116th Regular Session  
60 since statehood in 1845, does desire to see a convention called  
61 for the sole purpose of proposing such an amendment, NOW,  
62 THEREFORE,

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