THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 112

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND OPERATIONS, MARCH 13, 2025

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- Calling for a convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States to consider amendments to establish a
- 3 process by which the appointment of United States Supreme
- 4 Court Justices can occur at regular time intervals and limit
- how long a Justice may serve on the Court.
- 6 WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States
- 7 places substantial authority and responsibility upon the
- 8 legislatures of the several states to ensure that the Federal
- 9 Government and each of its branches remain within their
- 10 enumerated powers and remain protective of the rights of the
- 11 people; and
- 12 WHEREAS, A variety of important movements have arisen within
- 13 the legislatures of the several states to address a wide variety
- 14 of concerns that may be appropriately addressed within the
- 15 context of Article V; and
- 16 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
- 17 Pennsylvania wishes to address these various approaches in a
- 18 bipartisan and complementary manner; and
- 19 WHEREAS, An agreement to call for an Article V convention

- 1 does not commit the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
- 2 Pennsylvania to approve any proposal that may arise from any
- 3 subsequent convention; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
- 5 Pennsylvania is simply exercising its will to engage in a formal
- 6 process with other states to give full and authoritative
- 7 consideration to various proposals consistent with the topics
- 8 expressed by each of the applications that follow, and which are
- 9 only valid when formally ratified by three-fourths of the
- 10 several states; therefore be it
- 11 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
- 12 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby make application to
- 13 the Congress of the United States, as provided by Article V of
- 14 the Constitution of the United States, to call a convention
- 15 limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the
- 16 United States to establish a process by which the appointment of
- 17 United States Supreme Court Justices can occur at regular time
- 18 intervals and limit how long a Justice may serve on the Court;
- 19 and be it further
- 20 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth of
- 21 Pennsylvania transmit copies of this application to the
- 22 President and Secretary of the Senate of the United States,
- 23 Judiciary Committee Chairman of the Senate of the United States,
- 24 the Speaker, Clerk and Judiciary Committee Chairman of the House
- 25 of Representatives of the United States, and to each member of
- 26 Congress from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and be it
- 27 further
- 28 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth of
- 29 Pennsylvania transmit copies of this application to the
- 30 presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the

- 1 several states requesting their cooperation; and be it further
- 2 RESOLVED, That this application be considered as covering the
- 3 same subject matter as the applications from other states to
- 4 Congress to call a convention to establish a process by which
- 5 the appointment of United States Supreme Court Justices can
- 6 occur at regular time intervals and limit how long a Justice may
- 7 serve on the Court; and be it further
- 8 RESOLVED, That this application be aggregated with the
- 9 applications of the other states for the purpose of attaining
- 10 the two-thirds of states necessary to require the Congress of
- 11 the United States to call a limited convention on this subject
- 12 and may not be aggregated with any other applications that seek
- 13 a convention to address any other subject; and be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That this application constitute a continuing
- 15 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of
- 16 the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds
- 17 of the several states have made applications on the same
- 18 subject.