



Subject: Congressional Term Limits

Text:

“No person shall be elected to the House of Representatives more than five times or serve in such office for more than ten years in total. No person shall be elected to the Senate more than three times or serve in such office for more than eighteen years in total.”

Reform Category(ies):

- ☒ Anti-Corruption, Transparency, Accountability
- ☐ Counter-Majoritarian Requirements
- ☐ Democratic Processes
- ☐ Enhanced Rights/Protections
- ☐ Limits to Political Power/Immunities
- ☐ Necessary Clarifications
- ☒ Responsible Government
- ☐ Separation of Powers/Check and balances

Branch(es) targeted:

- ☒ Legislative ☐ Executive ☐ Judicial

Justification:

The Constitution currently contains no term limits for Members of the House or Senate. Unlimited tenure constrains fresh ideas, degrades public respect for the institution, raises incentives for politician “professionalization,” contributes to hyper-partisanship, and has kept in office Members physically or mentally unfit to serve.

Alternatives to Amendment? Legislators could refrain from serving longer and establish a norm against... ha ha ha... ROFL...I’m crying... ooooh boy... that’s a good one.... No.

Similar proposals:

- Many.