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Topic # 23
Amendment to Limit Congressional Terms to 12 Years?

Overview

Questions to ponder: How many states have some form of term limits for state or local elected officials? How many states have considered the possibility of term limits for their own Congressional delegation? Is 12 years too little (or too long) for a time factor? Should this 12-year limit apply separately to the Senate and the House? Would these be 12 consecutive years or 12 cumulative years? Would Reps limiting themselves voluntarily to a certain number of terms be better? Are there other Constitutional conflicts with a term limit amendment? Might term limits weaken the strength of political parties in office? Is this good or bad?

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Citations supporting the affirmative

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