

Term Limits Petition

undersigned registered voters of Knox County, pursuant to Knox County Charter section 8.05(C), petition that the following amendment to the Knox County charter be placed before the voters of Knox County for approval by referendum. The undersigned the following amendment to the Knox County Charter.

Knox County Charter Article 8 is amended by adding a new section 8.17

Section 8.17 Term Limits.

A. Effective January 1, 1995, no person shall be eligible to serve in any elected office of Knox County if during the previous 2 terms of that office, the person in question has served more than a single term. Service prior to the passage of this measure shall not count in determining length of service. Judges are excepted from this provision.

B. In January prior to each state legislative session until such a time that it can be certified that the legislative term limits described in this clause have been enacted, the clerk shall write all state legislators whose districts include any part of Knox County stating that the people of Knox County desire an opportunity to vote on legislative term limits. The people of Knox County respectfully request that a proposed constitutional amendment limit each Representative to six years (three terms) in the Tennessee House of Representatives and eight years (two terms) in the Tennessee Senate. The people of Knox County also instruct all state legislators representing any part of Knox County to pass this proposed constitutional amendment and place it on the general election ballot.

C. In January of each year until such a time that it can be certified that the term limits described in this clause have been enacted, the clerk of Knox County shall write all U. S. Representatives whose districts include any part of Knox County's limits and both federal Senators stating that the people of this municipality support term limits for the U. S. Congress. The people of Knox County respectfully request that a proposed federal constitutional amendment limit each Representative to six years (three terms) in the United States House of Representatives and twelve years (two terms) in the United States Senate. The people of this municipality also instruct their federal delegation to pass a constitutional amendment imposing these limits and submit it to the states for ratification.

D. If any provision of this petition shall be held unconstitutional, invalid or inapplicable to any persons or circumstances, then it is intended and declared by the people of the County that all other provisions of this petition and their application to all other persons and circumstances shall be severable and shall not be affected by such decision. "

undersigned further petition that this amendment to be placed before the voters at the November 8, 1994 State General election provided by the Knox County Charter section 8.05(E), following the determination by the Knox County election Commission that petition meets the requirements of section 8.05(C) of the Knox County Charter. The above language will be placed on the ballot phrased in a question to be answered "yes" or "no".