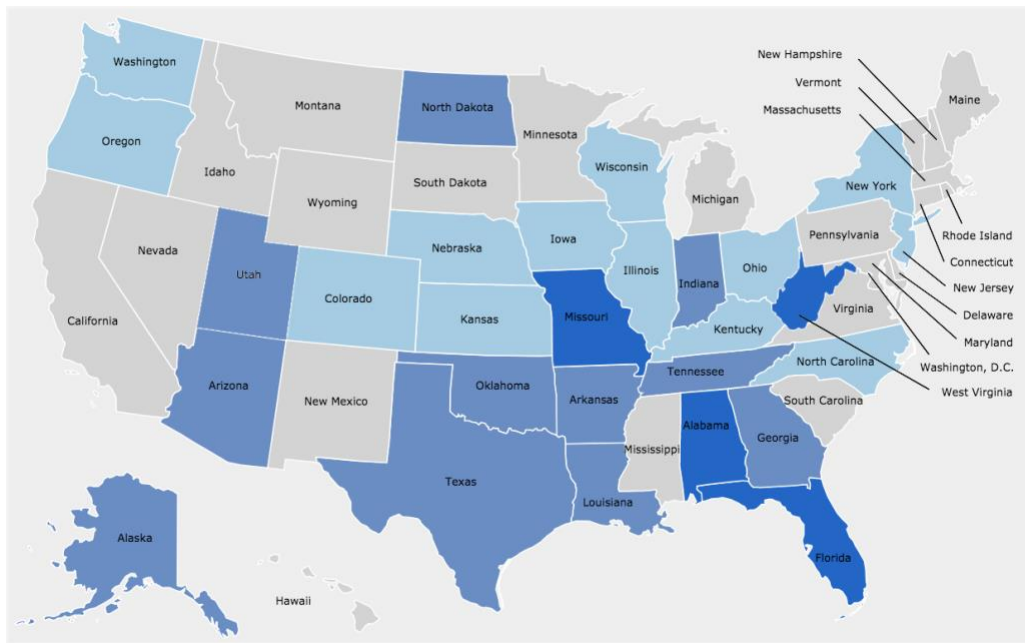


## US Term Limits and the Art. V Convention Lobby Show Their True Colors

Dear Legislator,

If you think you'll be voting on an application asking Congress to call an Article V convention (A5C) to propose an amendment to the US Constitution on the single subject of term limits, you're mistaken. ***Look at the color-coded progress map below taken from the US Term Limits (USTL) website!*** USTL is the lobbying group sponsoring the A5C application "limited" to congressional term limits.



The **Bright Blue States** are the **only 4 states** that have passed a single-subject term limits application: FL, AL, MO, & WV.

The **Medium Blue States** are the **11 states** that passed the multi-subject Convention of States Project (COS) application, but not the single-subject term limits application. COS purports to cover three subjects: impose fiscal restraints, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and *limit the terms of office for its officials and Congress*. "**Limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government**" alone covers "amending" the bulk of the Constitution!

USTL has also added the **13 states** in **Light Blue** to their total. **These states have NOT passed term limits applications in any form!** USTL counts applications on **unrelated and obsolete topics**, such as directly electing US Senators (1901), averting the Civil War (1861), getting a Bill of Rights (1789), and on **NO** subject at all (unlimited or plenary applications)! That totals 28 states--a 700% increase over what they actually passed.

This Chart details the 13 states USTL is combining with the broad COS applications and single-subject term limits applications toward the 34 states needed to trigger a convention:

State counted toward an unlimited convention	Year passed	Description of application being aggregated with applications on any subject:
<a href="#">Colorado</a>	1901	<a href="#">Direct Election of Senators</a>
<a href="#">Illinois</a>	1861	<a href="#">Avert the Civil War</a>
<a href="#">Iowa</a>	1904	<a href="#">Direct Election of Senators</a>
<a href="#">Kansas</a>	1907	<a href="#">Direct Election of Senators</a>
<a href="#">Kentucky</a>	1861	<a href="#">Avert the Civil War</a>
<a href="#">Nebraska</a>	1907	<a href="#">Direct Election of Senators</a>
<a href="#">New Jersey</a>	1861	<a href="#">Avert the Civil War</a>
<a href="#">New York</a>	1789	<a href="#">Bill of Rights</a>
<a href="#">North Carolina</a>	1907	<a href="#">Direct Election of Senators</a>
<a href="#">Ohio</a>	1861	<a href="#">Plenary (Unlimited)</a>
<a href="#">Oregon</a>	1901	<a href="#">Direct Election of Senators</a>
<a href="#">Washington State</a>	1901	<a href="#">Plenary (Unlimited)</a>
<a href="#">Wisconsin</a>	1911	<a href="#">Plenary (Unlimited)</a>

Representatives from USTL continually testify that their group is asking for a specific convention for proposing a single-subject amendment, and that congressional term limits will be the only item on the table at the convention. Because of these constraints, they assure legislators that the convention can't possibly run away.

**So why is USTL counting 24 states whose applications are so broad as to cover rewriting the Constitution?**

*The Chart shows that USTL believes neither that Congress must aggregate the applications by subject, nor that the convention will stick to the subject of the application. Other A5C lobby groups agree. Their [Strategists](#) acknowledge what is true: that Congress lacks authority to limit in any way what the Delegates to a convention can do.*

There's no such thing as a **"limited" convention** under Article V. In order to get their votes, the convention lobby is falsely assuring legislators that a convention can't run away; while running a PR campaign to create the **phony impression** among legislators that their constituents are demanding a convention.

***The convention lobby doesn't believe their own talking points; Why should you?!***

Please Vote "No" on all applications for an A5C, and rescind the applications your State has already sent to Congress.

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<sup>1</sup> [HERE](#) is a link to the interactive version of the map that was available on the USTL website until we exposed the truth! Click on CO, IL, IA, KS, KY, NE, NJ, NY, NC, OH, OR, WA, & WI in the gray area and verify the state applications in the above chart are being aggregated with single-subject term limits applications. Also verify that states in **medium blue** which passed the broad COS multi-subject, "inclusive" applications, but not single-subject applications, are being claimed by USTL as well.