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TERM LIMITS FOR STATE LEGISLATORS: PRO OR CON? WHY?

HOW HAVE TERM LIMITS CHANGED MISSOURI POLITICS?

WHAT, IF ANYTHING, DO WE DO ABOUT IT?

JOIN THE DISCUSSION!

MISSOURI VOTERS overwhelmingly approved a lifetime limit of eight years in each of the Missouri Senate and House of Representatives in 1992. Twenty years later, the policy has transformed the state legislature. Bringing together current and former Missouri legislators, political scientists, state and local officials, lobbyists, advocates, attorneys, and the interested public, this conference will explore in detail the positive and negative effects of term limits on state legislative processes and strategize for the future.

SATURDAY, 8 AM–6 PM

- **OPENING REMARKS:** Dr. Wally Siewert, director of the Center for Ethics in Public Life; and Wayne Goode, retired state senator and vice-chairman of the University of Missouri Board of Curators.
- *The Missouri Legislature 20 Years After Term Limits;* Dr. David Valentine, retiring associate director for public service at the Truman School of Public Affairs, University of Missouri–Columbia.
- *Why State Legislative Term Limits?;* Paul Jacob, past president, U.S. Term Limits; and Greg Upchurch, past chairman, Missourians for Limited Terms. Moderated by Dr. David Robertson, University of Missouri–St. Louis.
- *State Legislative Term Limits; a 13 Year Study;* Dr. Marjorie Sarbaugh-Thompson, Wayne State University.
- **LEGISLATOR PANEL DISCUSSION:** Speaker Steve Tilley, Senators Franc Flotron and Robin Wright-Jones, and Representative Chris Kelly. Moderated by Dr. E. Terrence Jones, University of Missouri–St. Louis.
- *Term Limits: Past, Present and Future;* Dr. Thad Kousser, University of California San Diego.
- **MODERATED DISCUSSION** *Moving Forward: Next Steps for the Best Legislative Outcomes;* Linda C. McDaniel, Dr. Thad Kousser, Dr. David Valentine. Moderated by Dr. Wally Siewert.
- **RECEPTION**

Registration: \$25
includes continental breakfast,
lunch & reception

**ATTENTION
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SPEAKERS

Dr. David Valentine

*Research Associate Professor,
University of Missouri–Columbia*

Dr. Valentine is the retiring associate director for public service at the Truman School of Public Affairs. Dr. Valentine also worked for almost 25 years in the Missouri Senate Division of Research, including 16 years as the director.

Dr. Marjorie E. Sarbaugh-Thompson

Professor of Political Science, Wayne State University

Marjorie Sarbaugh-Thompson is the principal investigator on a 13-year research project studying the effects of term limits in the Michigan Legislature and the primary author of *The Political and Institutional Effects of Term Limits* (Palgrave, 2004).

Dr. Thad Kousser

*Associate Professor of Political Science,
University of California San Diego*

Among others, Dr. Kousser has authored or co-authored the books *Term Limits and the Dismantling of State Legislative Professionalism* (Cambridge, 2005), and *Adapting to Term Limits: Recent Experiences and New Directions* (PPIC, 2004). He has worked as a staff assistant in the California, New Mexico, and United States Senates.

Paul Jacob

President, Liberty Initiative Fund

For more than a decade, Jacob served as executive director and then president of U.S. Term Limits, becoming the movement's leading voice. For his work to bring term limits to Congress, the late columnist Robert Novak good-naturedly called Paul "the most hated man in Washington."

Greg Upchurch

Founder and Director of Research, LegalMetric

Greg Upchurch served as the chairman of Missourians for Limited Terms, the primary organization behind the passage of term limits in 1992. Upchurch is an adjunct professor at Washington University Law School, as well as the founder of LegalMetric, a source of legal tools and expertise for intellectual property litigators.

Senator Franc Flotron

After serving as Assistant Minority Floor Leader in the House from 1986 to 1988, Flotron was elected to the Senate representing Missouri's 7th District. Senator Flotron became the youngest Republican Minority Floor Leader in 1992 and was re-elected to that position in 1994. Now a principal at Flotron & McIntosh Governmental Consultants, Senator Flotron has the perspective of both a legislator and a lobbyist.

Senator Robin Wright-Jones

Elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 2002, Senator Jones has served as the chair of the Democratic Caucus, chair of the St. Louis Regional Caucus, chair of the St. Louis City Caucus, and chair of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus. In 2008 she was elected to the Senate from the 5th District. The Senator is also a small business owner, having established Arjen LLC, in 2006.

Representative Chris Kelly

Elected to the House of Representatives from District 24 in 1982–1992 and again in 2008, Representative Kelly is unique among currently sitting legislators in having served in the legislature prior to the implementation of term limits in 1992. Representative Kelly has also served as Chairman of the Missouri Labor and Industrial Relations Commission and as Boone County Associate Circuit Judge.

Speaker Steven Tilley

Elected to the House in 2004 from the 106th District, Speaker Tilley is the recipient of numerous legislative awards and was elected as the Majority Leader for the 2010 Legislative Session and Speaker of the House for the 2012 Legislative Session. Speaker Tilley is an alumnus of the UMSL School of Optometry.

Linda Claire McDaniel

Co-President, League of Women Voters of St. Louis

Ms. McDaniel is retired from demographic research working at UMSL and United Way of Greater St. Louis. She has volunteered with the League of Women Voters for more than 40 years in varying leadership positions including as First Vice President of the League nationwide. McDaniel also has been appointed to the Fair Elections Commission and the Missouri Automated Voting Equipment Qualification Committee.

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