Term Limits, Leader Preferences, and Interstate Conflict: Replication Note

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This document provides an overview of the replication materials for "Term Limits, Leader Preferences, and Interstate Conflict." The data set used for our analyses is located in the *Data* folder. Provided one changes the file pathways, the file "TermLimitsReplicationModels.do" in the *Models* folder will estimate all of the models reported in the main manuscript and appendix and create a matrix of simulated coefficients based on the coefficient and covariance matrices of the respective models. The simulated quantities from each model are located in the respective subfolders. For example, the simulated matrix of coefficients for the primary unconditional model estimated using $Hawkish\ Index_{Empirical}$ (Model 1 in the main manuscript) is located at "/Replication/Models/IndexEmpirical/Unconditional/Primary/SimData.dta". The code necessary to calculate predicted probabilities from the simulated matrices is also located in the respective subfolders for all of the conditional models and unconditional models with our "Primary" specifications, severity models (ordered logits), and multiple dispute models (negative binomial models). The only models that "TermLimitsReplicationModels.do" will not run are the negative binomial models used to estimate the effect of term limits on the probability of leaders initiating multiple conflicts in a given year. These models were estimated in R. The scripts to run those models are located in the respective subfolders named *MultipleDisputes*. All graphics were created in R. The scripts "TermLimitsPaperFigures.R" and "TermLimitsAppendixFigures.R" will reproduce the figures presented in the main manuscript (given that file pathways are changed to reflect one's computer). The folder *Coding* contains an excel file of the leader-year lame duck observations that could not be coded based on the state-year term limits data associated with Baturo (2014) and the logic behind our coding decision and a folder that includes PDFs of the newspaper articles used to code cases that could not be resolved using other sources.

References

Baturo, Alexander. 2014. *Democracy, Dictatorship, and Term Limits.* Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.