

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 SENATE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 38

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Joint Resolution applying to Congress for limited  
8 constitutional convention; directing transmission;  
9 providing for continuation of application; and  
directing distribution.

10 WHEREAS, the Founders of our Constitution empowered State  
11 Legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of  
12 power by the federal government; and

13 WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing national  
14 debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

15 WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles  
16 of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates,  
17 most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

18 WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under a  
19 proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the States to protect the  
21 liberty of our people - particularly for the generations to come -  
22 to propose Amendments to the Constitution of the United States  
23 through a Convention of the States under Article V to place clear  
24 restraints on these and related abuses of power.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

3 SECTION 1. The Legislature of the State of Oklahoma hereby  
4 applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the  
5 Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention  
6 of the states limited to proposing amendments that impose fiscal  
7 restraints on the federal government, limit the power and  
8 jurisdiction of the federal government and limit the terms of office  
9 for its officials.

10 SECTION 2. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to  
11 transmit copies of this application to the President and Secretary  
12 of the United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the  
13 United States House of Representatives, and copies to the members of  
14 the said Senate and House of Representatives from this State; also  
15 to transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of the  
16 legislative houses in the several States, requesting their  
17 cooperation.

18 SECTION 3. This application constitutes a continuing  
19 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the  
20 United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the  
21 several states have made applications on the same subject.

22 SECTION 4. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall,  
23 immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file  
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1 one copy thereof with the Secretary of State and one copy with the  
2 Attorney General.

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