

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

February 25, 2015

2 **AS AMENDED**

3 SENATE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION NO. 4

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7 **[ Resolution - convention of the states - power and**  
8 **jurisdiction of the federal government - terms of**  
9 **office - transmission ]**

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11 WHEREAS, the founders of the Constitution of the United States  
12 empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against  
13 future abuses of power by the federal government; and

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the  
22 liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come, by  
23 proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States  
24 through a convention of the states under Article V of the United

1 States Constitution to place clear restraints on these and related  
2 abuses of power.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

12 THAT this application shall be deemed an application for a  
13 convention to address each or all of the subjects herein stated.  
14 For the purposes of determining whether two-thirds of the states  
15 have applied for a convention addressing any of the subjects stated  
16 herein, this application is to be aggregated with the applications  
17 of any other state legislatures for the single subjects of balancing  
18 the federal budget, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the  
19 federal government, or limiting the terms of federal officials; and

20 THAT the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit  
21 copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the  
22 United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United  
23 States House of Representatives, to transmit copies to the members  
24 of the United States Senate and United States House of

1 Representatives from this state, and to transmit copies hereof to  
2 the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the  
3 several states, requesting their cooperation; and

4 THAT this application constitutes a continuing application in  
5 accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States  
6 until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states  
7 have made applications on the same subject.

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES  
9 February 25, 2015 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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