

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE JOINT  
RESOLUTION 1018

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AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution calling for a convention to propose a balanced budget amendment pursuant to the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution; making application pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution; directing distribution; and providing scope of application.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Oklahoma believe that it is in the best interest of the people of the United States to amend the United States Constitution in order to adopt a balanced budget amendment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, each state may request Congress to provide for a convention to propose amendments.

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

SECTION 1. The Oklahoma Legislature hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to

1 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States  
2 requiring that in the absence of a national emergency the total of  
3 all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year  
4 may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that  
5 fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal  
6 restraints.

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

14 SECTION 3. This application is to be considered as covering the  
15 same subject matter as the presently outstanding balanced budget  
16 applications from other states, including, but not limited to,  
17 previously adopted applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas,  
18 Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas,  
19 Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska,  
20 Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio,  
21 Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Texas; and this application shall be  
22 aggregated with same for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds  
23 (2/3) of states necessary to require the calling of a convention,  
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1 but shall not be aggregated with any applications on any other  
2 subject.

3 SECTION 4. This application constitutes a continuing  
4 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the  
5 United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds (2/3) of  
6 the several states have made applications on the same subject. It  
7 supersedes all previous applications by this Legislature on the same  
8 subject.

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