

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 4

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AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution applying to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states under Article V of the United States Constitution for the purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution related to fiscal restraints on the federal government, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limiting the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress; providing for construction of application; directing transmission; and specifying that application constitute continuing application for certain time period.

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

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the
2 liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come, by
3 proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States
4 through a convention of the states under Article V of the United
5 States Constitution to place clear restraints on these and related
6 abuses of power.

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

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

16 THAT this application shall be deemed an application for a
17 convention to address each or all of the subjects herein stated.
18 For the purposes of determining whether two-thirds of the states
19 have applied for a convention addressing any of the subjects stated
20 herein, this application is to be aggregated with the applications
21 of any other state legislatures for the single subjects of balancing
22 the federal budget, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the
23 federal government, or limiting the terms of federal officials; and
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1 THAT the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit
2 copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the
3 United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United
4 States House of Representatives, to transmit copies to the members
5 of the United States Senate and United States House of
6 Representatives from this state, and to transmit copies hereof to
7 the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the
8 several states, requesting their cooperation; and

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

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