

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

AN APPLICATION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES UNDER  
ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

### Subtitle

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STATES UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE  
CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, the Drafters of our United States Constitution empowered State Legislatures 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; and

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

WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people – particularly for the generations to come – by proposing



Amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of the states under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE *NINETIETH* GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

THAT the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas 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 proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the President of the United States Senate, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Arkansas congressional delegation, and the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states, requesting their cooperation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the several states have made applications on the same subject.

*/s/Ballinger*