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8 **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

9 JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING FOR AN ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS
10 CONVENTION.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING FOR AN ARTICLE
15 V AMENDMENTS CONVENTION.

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18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
19 STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL
20 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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23 WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides
24 authority for a convention to be called by the Congress of the United States
25 for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution upon application
26 of two-thirds (2/3) of the legislatures of the several states ("amendments
27 convention"); and

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29 WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas favors the
30 proposal and ratification of an amendment to the Constitution which shall
31 provide that an increase in the federal debt require(s) approval from a
32 majority of the legislatures of the separate states,

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34 NOW THEREFORE,

35 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
36 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:



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THAT, as provided for in Article V of the Constitution of the United States, the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas herewith respectfully apply for an amendments convention to be called for the purpose of proposing an amendment which shall provide that an increase in the federal debt require approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate states,

THAT the amendments convention contemplated by this application shall be entirely focused upon and exclusively limited to the subject matter of proposing for ratification an amendment to the Constitution providing that an increase in the federal debt require approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate states, and

THAT this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at least two-thirds (2/3) of the legislatures of the several states have made application for an equivalently limited amendments convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a certified copy of this application be dispatched by the Secretary of State of Arkansas to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of Arkansas's delegation to the United States Congress, and to the presiding officer of each house of the several state legislatures, requesting their cooperation in applying for the amendments convention limited to the subject matter contemplated by this application.