

House Concurrent Resolution No. 19

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ELLINGTON.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

Relating to an application to Congress for the calling of an Article V convention of states to modify the thirteenth amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States requires a convention to
2 be called by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the
3 Constitution upon application of two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states; and
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WHEREAS, the legislature of the state of Missouri favors a proposal to remove "except
6 as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted" from the thirteenth
7 amendment to the Constitution of the United States, thus completely abolishing the practice of
8 involuntary servitude.
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of
11 Representatives, One Hundredth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring
12 therein, hereby make an application to Congress, as provided by Article V of the Constitution
13 of the United States, to call a convention limited to removing "except as a punishment for crime
14 whereof the party shall have been duly convicted" from the thirteenth amendment of the
15 Constitution of the United States; and
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application shall be considered as covering
18 the same subject matter as the applications from other states to Congress to call a convention to
19 modify the thirteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and this application
20 shall be aggregated with the same for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary
21 to require Congress to call a limited convention on this subject, but shall not be aggregated with
22 any other applications on any other subject; and
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24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this application constitutes a continuing
25 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the
26 legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same
27 subject; and

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29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this application shall expire five years after the
30 passage of this resolution; and

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32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
33 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the
34 President and Secretary of the United States Senate; to the Speaker, Clerk, and Judiciary
35 Committee Chairman of the United States House of Representatives; each member of the
36 Missouri congressional delegation; and the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses
37 in the several states requesting their cooperation.

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