

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 22

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Joint Resolution calling a convention of states
8 under Article V of the United States Constitution for
9 the purpose of proposing an amendment to the United
10 States Constitution related to impeachment
11 proceedings for a standing President; providing for
12 construction application; directing transmissions;
13 and specifying that application constitute continuing
14 application for certain time period.

15 WHEREAS, over the last 5 decades we have seen the impeachment
16 power of Congress over the Presidency of the United States used
17 three times;

18 WHEREAS, no one will argue with the legitimacy of the first one
19 when the President was found using his office to potentially
20 undermine his political opposition; and

21 WHEREAS, there will be debate for decades more of the legitimacy
22 of the ensuing two impeachments; and

23 WHEREAS, it is of great concern that the power of impeachment by
24 Congress has become more of a political weapon than a responsibility
25 to remove a treasonous or treacherous Commander in Chief; and

1 WHEREAS, the recent two impeachments seemed more a disagreement
2 in moral conduct on one hand and policy and posture positions on the
3 other versus a President that had betrayed his country; and

4 WHEREAS, certainly many in the nation disagreed with the sexual
5 misconduct of one president, and many disagreed with the
6 methodologies, attitudes and policies of the other; and

7 WHEREAS, many Americans believed neither rose to the level of
8 betrayal or high crimes; and

9 WHEREAS, if the power of impeachment is going to be used for
10 political purposes then there must be a political cost if the
11 support isn't there; and

12 WHEREAS, like the prosecutor does every day, Congress needs to
13 feel fairly confident of a conviction before they start moving down
14 the road of impeachment; and

15 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the
16 liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come, by
17 proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States
18 through a convention of the states under Article V of the United
19 States Constitution to place clear restraints on these and related
20 abuses of power.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

23 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby applies to Congress, under
24 the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United
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1 States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to
2 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States
3 requiring that if Congress moves or has moved to impeach a sitting
4 President, gains the majority vote in the House of Representatives
5 to impeach the President and that President does not vacate the
6 office for any reason other than the expiration of their current
7 term, but the Senate fails to convict that same President, the
8 individual serving as President shall be allowed an additional
9 single term as President over the two-term limit laid out previously
10 in the Constitution; and

11 THAT this application shall be deemed an application for a
12 convention to address each or all of the subjects herein stated.
13 For the purposes of determining whether two-thirds of the states
14 have applied for a convention addressing any of the subjects stated
15 herein, this application is to be aggregated with the applications
16 of any other state legislatures for the single subjects of balancing
17 the federal budget, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the
18 federal government, or limiting the terms of federal officials; and

19 THAT the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit
20 copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the
21 United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United
22 States House of Representatives, to transmit copies to the members
23 of the United States Senate and United States House of
24 Representatives from this state and to transmit copies hereof to the

1 presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several
2 states, requesting their cooperation; and

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

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