

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 4

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

24 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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