

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 25, 2015

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE JOINT
5 RESOLUTION NO. 4

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11 **[Resolution - convention of the states - power and
12 jurisdiction of the federal government - terms of
13 office - transmission]**

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

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

19 Whereas, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles
20 of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates,
21 most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

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

24 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 of the United

1 States Constitution to place clear restraints on these and related
2 abuses of power.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

5 THAT the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma hereby applies to
6 Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of
7 the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states
8 limited to proposing amendments to the United States Constitution
9 that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the
10 power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the
11 terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress; and

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

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

1 Representatives from this state, and to transmit copies hereof to
2 the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the
3 several states, requesting their cooperation; and

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

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES
9 February 25, 2015 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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