

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 JOINT
6 RESOLUTION NO. 4

By: Standridge, Mazzei, Crain,
Griffin, Shaw, Bingman,
Brecheen, Brown and Yen of
the Senate

and

Echols, Moore, Banz and
Lepak of the House

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

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

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

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

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

3 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the
4 liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come, by
5 proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States
6 through a convention of the states under Article V of the United
7 States Constitution to place clear restraints on these and related
8 abuses of power.

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

11 THAT the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma hereby applies to
12 Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of
13 the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states
14 limited to proposing amendments to the United States Constitution
15 that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the
16 power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the
17 terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress; and

18 THAT this application shall be deemed an application for a
19 convention to address each or all of the subjects herein stated.
20 For the purposes of determining whether two-thirds of the states
21 have applied for a convention addressing any of the subjects stated
22 herein, this application is to be aggregated with the applications
23 of any other state legislatures for the single subjects of balancing
24

UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.
BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED language denotes Committee Amendments.
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.

1 the federal budget, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the
2 federal government, or limiting the terms of federal officials; and
3 THAT the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit
4 copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the
5 United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United
6 States House of Representatives, to transmit copies to the members
7 of the United States Senate and United States House of
8 Representatives from this state, and to transmit copies hereof to
9 the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the
10 several states, requesting their cooperation; and

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

15
16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 04/09/2015 - DO PASS,
17 As Amended and Coauthored.
18
19
20
21
22
23
24