

1                   **JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING FOR AN ARTICLE V**

2                                   **AMENDMENTS CONVENTION**

3   2011 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Bradley M. Daw**

6                                   Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10           This joint resolution of the Legislature requests that the United States Congress call a  
11 convention to propose a constitutional amendment providing that an increase in the  
12 federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate states.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14           This resolution:

- 15           ▶ applies to the United States Congress for a convention to be called to propose an  
16 amendment to the United States Constitution providing that an increase in the  
17 federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate  
18 states;
- 19           ▶ directs that the amendments convention must be entirely focused upon and  
20 exclusively limited to that subject;
- 21           ▶ intends that the application be a continuing application until at least two-thirds of  
22 the legislatures of the separate states have made application for an equivalently  
23 limited convention; and
- 24           ▶ strongly urges the presiding officers of each house of each legislature of the separate  
25 states to make application to the United States Congress as provided in this  
26 resolution.

27 **Special Clauses:**



28 None

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30 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

31 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution provides authority for a  
32 convention to be called by the United States Congress for the purpose of proposing  
33 amendments to the Constitution upon application of two-thirds of the legislatures of the  
34 separate states; and

35 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the state of Utah favors the proposal and ratification of  
36 an amendment to the United States Constitution providing that an increase in the federal debt  
37 requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate states:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah,  
39 under Article V of the United States Constitution, respectfully applies for a convention to be  
40 called by the United States Congress for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the United  
41 States Constitution providing that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a  
42 majority of the legislatures of the separate states.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amendments convention contemplated by this  
44 application must be focused entirely upon and exclusively limited to the subject matter of  
45 proposing for ratification an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that  
46 an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the  
47 separate states.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah intends that this  
49 application be a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the United States  
50 Constitution until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the separate states have made  
51 application for an equivalently limited convention.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah strongly urges  
53 the presiding officers of each house of each legislature of the separate states to make  
54 application to the United States Congress for the calling of a convention as provided in this  
55 resolution.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of  
57 the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of  
58 Utah's congressional delegation, and to the presiding officers of each house of the separate state

59 legislatures.

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# FISCAL NOTE

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SHORT TITLE: **Joint Resolution Applying for an Article V Amendments Convention**

SPONSOR: **Daw, B.**

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## STATE GOVERNMENT (UCA 36-12-13(2)(b))

Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (UCA 36-12-13(2)(c))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for local governments.

## DIRECT EXPENDITURES BY UTAH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES (UCA 36-12-13(2)(d))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable expenditures by Utah residents or businesses.