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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution to petition the Congress of the United States
2 to call a convention to propose an amendment to the
3 Constitution of the United States to prohibit the federal
4 government from increasing costs of the state by reducing the
5 proportion of federal funds to the states or requiring new or
6 increased costs for mandated activities or services without
7 funding.
8 WHEREAS, recent federal actions have necessitated the
9 establishment of new or enhanced services and facilities by the
10 states without providing new revenue sources or financial
11 participation by the federal government to meet the additional
12 costs; and
13 WHEREAS, the federal government has further increased the
14 burden on the states by reducing the federal portion of the
15 funding of federally mandated programs, activities, or services;
16 NOW THEREFORE,
17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 Section 1. The Iowa General Assembly petitions the
2 Congress of the United States, pursuant to Article V of the
3 Constitution of the United States, to call a convention for
4 the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment
5 to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit the
6 federal government from reducing the federally financed
7 proportion of the necessary costs of any existing activity or
8 service required of the states by federal law or from
9 requiring a new activity or service or an increase in the
10 level of an activity or service beyond that required of the
11 states by existing federal law unless the federal government
12 pays for any necessary increased costs.

13 Sec. 2. This application and petition shall be deemed null
14 and void, rescinded, and of no effect in the event that such
15 convention is not limited to such specific and exclusive
16 purpose.

17 Sec. 3. The Secretary of State of Iowa is directed to send
18 certified copies of this Joint Resolution to the President of
19 the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
20 House of Representatives, to each member of the Iowa
21 congressional delegation, and to the presiding officers of
22 each house of the legislatures of each state in the union.

23 EXPLANATION

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