

# Senate Joint Resolution 15 - Introduced

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1 A Joint Resolution requesting Congress to propose amendments  
2 to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal  
3 restraints on the federal government and limit the power and  
4 jurisdiction of the federal government and applying for a  
5 convention of the states under Article V of the Constitution  
6 of the United States to propose amendments that impose  
7 fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the  
8 power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit  
9 the terms of office for its officials and for members of  
10 Congress.

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

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

16 WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to operate under  
17 a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United  
18 States; and

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

22 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect  
23 the liberty of the people, particularly for the generations  
24 to come, by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the  
25 United States through a convention of the states under Article  
26 V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of  
27 power; NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 That the Congress of the United States is hereby petitioned  
2 to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States,  
3 for submission to the states for ratification, to impose fiscal  
4 restraints on the federal government and limit the federal  
5 government's power and jurisdiction; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That pursuant to Article V of the  
7 Constitution of the United States, the general assembly, as  
8 the legislature of the state of Iowa, makes application to  
9 the Congress of the United States to call a convention of the  
10 states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of  
11 the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal  
12 government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal  
13 government, and limit the terms of office for its officials  
14 and for members of Congress, for submission to the states for  
15 ratification; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the commissioners representing  
17 Iowa at a convention under Article V of the Constitution of the  
18 United States are hereby instructed to oppose any proposal to  
19 impose term limits on members of Congress; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate  
21 shall distribute a copy of this application to the President of  
22 the United States, the President of the United States Senate,  
23 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and  
24 each member of Iowa's congressional delegation, and to the  
25 presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the  
26 several States, requesting their cooperation; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, This application constitutes a  
28 continuing application in accordance with Article V of the  
29 Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at  
30 least two-thirds of the several states have made petitions on  
31 the same subject.

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EXPLANATION

33 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
34 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

35 This joint resolution calls upon Congress to propose

1 amendments to the Constitution of the United States, for  
2 submission to the states for ratification, to impose fiscal  
3 restraints on the federal government and limit the power and  
4 jurisdiction of the federal government.

5 The joint resolution also calls upon Congress to call a  
6 convention of the states, limited to proposing amendments  
7 to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal  
8 restraints on the federal government, limit the power and  
9 jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms  
10 of office for its officials and for members of Congress. The  
11 joint resolution instructs the commissioners representing Iowa  
12 to oppose any amendment placing term limits on members of  
13 Congress.

14 Article V of the United States Constitution provides that  
15 Congress shall call a convention for proposing amendments  
16 on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the  
17 several states.