

# Senate Joint Resolution 7 - Introduced

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7  
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1 A Joint Resolution calling for an Article V convention in order  
2 to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United  
3 States that impose fiscal restraints, limit the power and  
4 jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the number  
5 of terms that a person may serve in Congress.  
6 WHEREAS, the founders of the Constitution of the United  
7 States empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty  
8 against future abuses of power by the federal government; and  
9 WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing  
10 national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and  
11 WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate  
12 roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal  
13 mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and  
14 WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under  
15 a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United  
16 States; and  
17 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect  
18 the liberty of our people, particularly for the generations  
19 to come, by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the  
20 United States through a convention of the states under Article  
21 V of the Constitution of the United States for the purpose of  
22 restraining these and related abuses of power; NOW THEREFORE,  
23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 That the General Assembly, as the legislature of the state of  
2 Iowa, hereby applies to the Congress of the United States under  
3 the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United  
4 States for a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose  
5 of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United  
6 States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government,  
7 limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and  
8 limit the terms of office of federal officials and members of  
9 Congress, and no amendments on any other topic; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this application constitutes  
11 a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the  
12 Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at  
13 least two-thirds of the several states have made applications  
14 for a similar convention under Article V, or the General  
15 Assembly resolves to withdraw this application; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State shall  
17 transmit certified copies of this resolution to the President  
18 and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and  
19 Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each  
20 member of the United States Senate and the United States House  
21 of Representatives, and to the presiding officer of each house  
22 of the legislature of each of the several states.

23 EXPLANATION

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

26 This joint resolution constitutes an application requesting  
27 the United States Congress to call a constitutional convention  
28 in order to propose amendments to the Constitution of the  
29 United States to impose fiscal restraints on the federal  
30 government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal  
31 government, and limit the terms of office for federal officials  
32 and for members of Congress. The resolution constitutes a  
33 continuing application to call a constitutional convention.

34 The resolution requires the Secretary of State to transmit  
35 certified copies of this resolution to the President and

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2 of the United States House of Representatives, each member  
3 of the United States Senate and the United States House of  
4 Representatives, and to the presiding officer of each house of  
5 the legislature of each state.