

# House Joint Resolution 2004 - Introduced

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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 limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal  
4 government, impose fiscal restraints, and limit the number of  
5 terms that a person may serve in Congress or as a federal  
6 official.  
7 WHEREAS, the founders of the Constitution of the United States  
8 empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against  
9 future abuses of power by the federal government; and  
10 WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing  
11 national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and  
12 WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate  
13 roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal  
14 mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and  
15 WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to function under  
16 a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United  
17 States; and  
18 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect  
19 the liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to  
20 come, by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United  
21 States through a convention of the states under Article V of the  
22 Constitution of the United States for the purpose of restraining  
23 these and related abuses of power; NOW THEREFORE,  
24 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 States  
6 that limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government,  
7 impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, and limit the  
8 terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress, and  
9 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 for  
14 a similar convention under Article V, or the General Assembly  
15 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 member  
20 of the United States Senate and the United States House of  
21 Representatives, and to the presiding officer of each house of  
22 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 convention for proposing  
28 amendments to the Constitution of the United States to limit  
29 the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, impose  
30 fiscal restraints on the federal government, and limit the terms  
31 of office for federal officials and for members of Congress.  
32 The resolution constitutes a continuing application to call a  
33 convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the  
34 United States.

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