

Senate Joint Resolution 2 - 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 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 States
7 empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against
8 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 function 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 to
19 come, by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United
20 States through a convention of the states under Article V of the
21 Constitution of the United States for the purpose of restraining
22 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 States
6 that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit
7 the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit
8 the terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress,
9 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 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 the presiding officer of each house of the
22 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 United
29 States to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government,
30 limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and
31 limit the terms of office for federal officials and for members
32 of Congress. The resolution constitutes a continuing application
33 to call a constitutional convention.

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

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

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