

CHAPTER 289
CONVENTION CALL FOR FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT ON REVENUE SHARING

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A JOINT RESOLUTION making application to the United States Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing to the states a constitutional amendment providing that a portion of taxes levied on income by Congress shall be made available to state governments.

WHEREAS, a resolution of our nation's myriad and diverse problems is contingent upon a viable partnership between the federal government and strengthened state governments, and

WHEREAS, the federal government, by its extensive reliance on the graduated income tax as a revenue source, has virtually preempted the use of this source from state and local governments, thereby creating a disabling fiscal imbalance between the federal government and the state and local governments, and

WHEREAS, increasing demands upon state and local governments for essential public services have compelled the states to rely heavily on highly regressive and inelastic consumer taxes and property taxes, and

WHEREAS, federal revenues based predominantly on income taxes increase significantly faster than economic growth, while state and local revenues based heavily on sales and property taxes do not keep pace with economic growth, and

WHEREAS, the fiscal crisis at state and local levels has become the overriding problem of intergovernmental relations and of continuing a viable federal system, and

WHEREAS, the evident solution to this problem is a meaningful sharing of federal income tax resources, and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, despite the immediate and imperative need therefor, has failed to enact acceptable revenue sharing legislation, and

WHEREAS, in the event of such congressional inaction, Article V of the Constitution of the United States grants to the states the right to initiate constitutional change by applications from the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states to the Congress, calling for a constitutional convention, and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States is required by the Constitution to call such a convention upon the receipt of applications from the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, NOW THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 That, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States,
- 2 the General Assembly of the State of Iowa does hereby make applica-
- 3 tion to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the
- 4 sole and exclusive purpose of proposing to the several states a consti-
- 5 tutional amendment which shall provide that a portion of the taxes
- 6 on income levied by Congress pursuant to the sixteenth amendment

7 of the Constitution of the United States shall be made available each
8 year to state governments and political subdivisions thereof, by means
9 of direct allocation, tax credits, or both, without limiting directly or
10 indirectly the use of such moneys for any purpose not inconsistent
11 with any other provision of the Constitution of the United States, and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this application shall consti-
13 tute a continuing application for such convention pursuant to Article
14 V until the Legislatures of two-thirds of the states shall have made
15 like applications and such convention shall have been called by the
16 Congress of the United States unless previously rescinded by the
17 General Assembly of the State of Iowa, and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That certified copies of this reso-
19 lution be presented by the Secretary of State forthwith to the Presi-
20 dent of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
21 of the United States and to the Legislatures of each of the several
22 states attesting the adoption of this resolution by the General Assem-
23 bly of the State of Iowa.

CHAPTER 290

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON TERMS OF STATE OFFICERS

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the terms of office of elected state officials.

Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
2 State of Iowa is proposed for the election and terms of state officers
3 beginning with the general election in the year nineteen hundred
4 seventy-four (1974):

5 Section two (2) of Article four (IV) of the Constitution of the
6 State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

7 "Sec. 2. The Governor shall be elected by the qualified electors at
8 the time and place of voting for members of the General Assembly,
9 and shall hold his office for four years from the time of his installation,
10 and until his successor is elected and qualifies."

11 Section three (3) of Article four (IV) of the Constitution of the
12 State of Iowa is hereby repealed and the following adopted in lieu
13 thereof:

14 "Sec. 3. There shall be a Lieutenant Governor who shall hold his
15 office for the same term, and be elected at the same time as the Gov-
16 ernor. In voting for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the electors
17 shall designate for whom they vote as Governor, and for whom as
18 Lieutenant Governor. The returns of every election for Governor,
19 and Lieutenant Governor, shall be sealed up and transmitted to the
20 seat of government of the State, directed to the Speaker of the House
21 of Representatives, who shall open and publish them in the presence
22 of both Houses of the General Assembly."

23 Section fifteen (15) of Article four (IV) of the Constitution of the
24 State of Iowa is hereby repealed and the following adopted in lieu
25 thereof: