

A **(JOINT - CONCURRENT)** RESOLUTION, Making a formal application to Congress to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing for ratification an amendment to the Constitution which requires a Balanced Federal Budget.

Application under Article V of the U.S. Constitution for a Balanced Budget Amendment Convention

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States mandates that upon the "Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States" Congress shall "call a Convention for proposing Amendments"; and

WHEREAS, the legislature deems an amendment to the United States Constitution requiring a balanced federal budget is necessary for the good of the American people.

Therefore be it resolved by the legislature of the State of _____:

Section 1. The legislature of the State of _____ hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all Federal outlays made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated Federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints.

Section 2. The Secretary of State (or the proper officer for your state) is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Congress, and copies to the members of the said Senate and House of Representatives from this State; also to transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several States, requesting their cooperation.

Section 3. This application is to be considered as covering the balanced budget amendment language of the presently outstanding balanced budget applications from other states, including but not limited to previously-adopted applications from Alabama (SJR100 - 2011), Alaska (1982), Arkansas (HJR 1 -1979), Colorado (SJM 1 – 1978), Florida (SM 658 – 2014), Georgia (SR 371- 2014), Indiana (SJR 8 – 1979), Iowa (SJR 1 – 1979), Kansas (SCR 1661 – 1979), Louisiana (HCR 70 -2014), Maryland (SJR 4 – 1977), Michigan (SJR V -2014), Mississippi (HCR 51 – 1975), Missouri (SCR 3 – 1983), Nebraska (LR 106 -1979), Nevada (SJR 22 – 1979), New Hampshire (HCR 40 – 2012), New Mexico (SJR 1979), North Carolina (SJR 1 -1979), North Dakota (HCR 3015 – 2015), Ohio (SJR 5 – 2014), Oklahoma (SJR 4 – 2016), Pennsylvania (R 236 – 1979), South Dakota (HJR 1001 – 2015), Tennessee (HJR 548 – 2014), Texas (HCR 31 – 1979), Utah (HJR 7 – 2015) and West Virginia (HCR 36 – 2016); and this application shall be aggregated with same for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require the calling of a convention for proposing a balanced budget amendment, but shall not be aggregated with any applications on any other subject.

Section 4. This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two- thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject. It supersedes all previous applications by this legislature on the same subject.