

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 67

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A RESOLUTION to make application to the Congress of the United States to call an Article V convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution.

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution authorizes the calling of a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution upon the application of two-thirds of the several states; and

WHEREAS, the drafters of our Constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to operate under a proper interpretation of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people, particularly for future generations of Americans, by proposing amendments to the United States Constitution through a Convention of the States under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this legislative body does hereby apply to Congress under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution for the calling of a convention of the states, limited

to proposing amendments to the United States Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this application shall constitute a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this application be transmitted to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the United States Senate and House of Representatives from Tennessee, and to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states, requesting their cooperation.