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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Concurrent Resolution No. 1022

"TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS APPLICATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES THAT IT CALL A CONSTITUTIONAL
CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO BALANCE
THE PUBLIC DEBT."

Amendment No. 1 to House Concurrent Resolution No. 1022.

Amend House Concurrent Resolution No. 1022 as originally introduced:

Add Senator Altes as a sponsor of the concurrent resolution

AND

Page 1, delete lines 24 through 32 and substitute the following:

"WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, amendments to the Federal Constitution may be proposed by the Congress whenever two-thirds of both Houses deem it necessary, or on the application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, the Congress shall call a Constitutional Convention for the purpose of proposing amendments; and

WHEREAS, by House Joint Resolution 1, adopted by the House of Representatives on January 9, 1979, and adopted by the Senate on January 17, 1979, and again on January 22, 1979, after the previous vote was expunged, the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas requested the Congress of the United States to prepare and submit to the several states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring, in the absence of a national emergency, that the total of all federal appropriations made by Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, or alternatively, the General Assembly made application and requested the Congress of the United States to call a Constitutional Convention for the purpose of proposing such an amendment to the federal Constitution; and

WHEREAS, many legal experts believe that a convention, notwithstanding whatever limitation might be placed upon it by the call of said convention, would have within the scope of its authority the complete redrafting of the Constitution of the United States, thereby creating a great danger to the well-established rights of our people and to the constitutional principles



under which we are presently governed; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States has been extensively interpreted and has proven to be a basically sound document which protects the freedom of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, there is no need for a new constitution, the adoption of which would create legal chaos in America and only begin the process of another two centuries of litigation over its interpretation by the courts; and

WHEREAS, such changes as may be needed in the present Constitution of the United States may be proposed and enacted by the well-established methods of amendment contained therein,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the General Assembly does hereby rescind its application to the Congress of the United States made by the General Assembly in 1979 by House Joint Resolution 1 pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States for the calling of a constitutional convention for any purpose, limited or general.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the members of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and the Secretary of the United States Senate with the request that this action by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas be promptly published in the Congressional Record."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Hobbs
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Chief Clerk