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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING FOR AN ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS  
CONVENTION.

### Subtitle

JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING FOR AN ARTICLE  
V AMENDMENTS CONVENTION.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL  
MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides  
authority for a convention to be called by the Congress of the United States  
for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution upon application  
of two-thirds (2/3) of the legislatures of the several states ("amendments  
convention"); and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas favors the  
proposal and ratification of an amendment to the Constitution which shall  
provide that an increase in the federal debt require(s) approval from a  
majority of the legislatures of the separate states,

NOW THEREFORE,



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

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4 THAT, as provided for in Article V of the Constitution of the United  
5 States, the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas herewith respectfully  
6 apply for an amendments convention to be called for the purpose of proposing  
7 an amendment which shall provide that an increase in the federal debt require  
8 approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate states,

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10 THAT the amendments convention contemplated by this application shall  
11 be entirely focused upon and exclusively limited to the subject matter of  
12 proposing for ratification an amendment to the Constitution providing that an  
13 increase in the federal debt require approval from a majority of the  
14 legislatures of the separate states, and

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16 THAT this application constitutes a continuing application in  
17 accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at  
18 least two-thirds (2/3) of the legislatures of the several states have made  
19 application for an equivalently limited amendments convention.

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a certified copy of this application be  
22 dispatched by the Secretary of State of Arkansas to the President of the  
23 United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of  
24 Representatives, to each member of Arkansas's delegation to the United States  
25 Congress, and to the presiding officer of each house of the several state  
26 legislatures, requesting their cooperation in applying for the amendments  
27 convention limited to the subject matter contemplated by this application.

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30 /s/Rapert  
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