

Application for a Convention for Proposing Amendments

A **Concurrent Resolution or Joint Resolution**¹ of the senate and house of representatives of the State **[Commonwealth]** of ___ making application to the Congress of the United States under Article V of the United States Constitution, for the calling of a convention for proposing amendments limited to specified subject areas.

Be it resolved by the legislature of the State **[Commonwealth]** of _____.

SECTION 1. The legislature of the **State [Commonwealth]** of ___ hereby makes application to the Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the call of a convention for proposing amendments.

SECTION 2. This application is for a convention limited to considering and proposing amendments on the following subjects:

1. Improving the fiscal management of the federal government by doing all or any combination of the following:

(A) Imposing requirements, with any stated exceptions, that federal expenditures during a fixed time period not exceed federal revenues or anticipated revenues during that time period;

(B) Imposing either or both of the following:

(i) prohibitions on federal debt.

(ii) limits on federal debt.

(C) Imposing limits on expenditures, revenue, and/or taxes or any combination of these.

2. Improving the legislative process by requiring any or both of the following:

(A) That all bills, orders, votes, and resolutions introduced in and passed by Congress contain only a single subject.

(B) A minimum time period before passage for bills, orders, votes and resolutions to be reviewed by members of Congress and members of the general public.

3. Restraining the powers of the federal government by doing any or both of the following:

(A) Clarifying that the Constitution does not authorize Congress to employ its spending power to regulate activities otherwise outside its enumerated powers.

¹ The Constitution is clear that the governor is not a party to this resolution. Choose the type of resolution for your state which does not require the participation of the governor, simply the concurrence of the legislature.

(B) Prohibiting mandates or requirements on any state, subdivision of any state, or any official thereof, unless the federal government fully funds the cost of compliance.

4. Empowering the legislatures of the several states, with stated exceptions, to repeal all or certain parts of the following:

(A) Acts of Congress.

(B) Administrative regulations.

SECTION 3. This application shall be deemed an application for a convention to address each and any of the subjects in Section 2. For purposes of the determining whether two thirds of the states have applied for a convention addressing any subject, this application is to be aggregated with the applications of any other state legislatures limited to one or more of the subjects in Section 2.

SECTION 4. This is a continuing application and remains in effect until rescission by any sitting session of the legislature of this state. This application does not constitute a recognition that any particular activity or activities currently undertaken by the federal government is or are authorized by the Constitution.

SECTION 5. The **secretary of state**² is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, the Archivist of the United States, 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 chambers in the several States, requesting their cooperation.

² Choose the officer in your state charged with the responsibility of communicating official acts of the legislature.