

Application for a Convention for Proposing Amendments

A **concurrent 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 a Balanced Budget Amendment.

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 calling of a convention for proposing amendments.

SECTION 2. This application is for a convention limited to considering and proposing a single amendment on the following subject:

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.

SECTION 3. For purposes of the determining whether two-thirds of the states have applied for a convention addressing the subject, this application is to be aggregated with the applications of any other state legislature for a “balanced budget amendment.”

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.

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.

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