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H.J.R. No. 60

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention
2 to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to
3 require a balanced federal budget.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 WHEREAS, The United States Constitution contains no
6 restriction on the power of the federal government to incur a budget
7 deficit; and

8 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution provides
9 that on application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the
10 several states Congress shall call a convention for proposing
11 amendments to the constitution; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Texas Legislature apply to Congress
13 to call a convention under Article V of the United States
14 Constitution for the exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to
15 the constitution providing that except in time of war or other
16 national emergency the total of all federal appropriations for a
17 fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal
18 revenue for that fiscal year; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That, unless rescinded by a succeeding
20 legislature, this application by the 82nd Texas Legislature
21 constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V
22 of the United States Constitution until at least two-thirds of the
23 legislatures of the several states have applied to Congress to call
24 a convention to propose an amendment to the constitution to provide

1 for a balanced federal budget, but if Congress proposes a
2 constitutional amendment identical in subject matter to that
3 contained in this resolution, this application is no longer of any
4 force; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That this application is rescinded in the event
6 that a convention to propose amendments to the United States
7 Constitution includes purposes other than providing for a balanced
8 federal budget; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
10 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
11 the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the
12 Senate of the Congress of the United States, and to all members of
13 the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this
14 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as an
15 application to Congress for a convention to propose an amendment to
16 the United States Constitution to provide for a balanced federal
17 budget; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
19 copies of this resolution to the secretaries of state and to the
20 presiding officers of the legislatures of the several states with
21 the request that they join this state in applying to Congress for a
22 convention to propose an amendment to the United States
23 Constitution to provide for a balanced federal budget.