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H.J.R. No. 55

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 the approval of a majority of the state legislatures before
4 Congress may increase the federal debt.

5 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution provides
6 that on application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the
7 several states Congress shall call a convention for proposing
8 amendments to the constitution; and

9 WHEREAS, The 83rd Texas Legislature favors the proposal and
10 ratification of an amendment to the constitution to require that an
11 increase in the federal debt be approved by a majority of the
12 legislatures of the several states; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Texas Legislature apply to Congress
14 to call a convention under Article V of the United States
15 Constitution for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the
16 constitution to provide that an increase in the federal debt
17 requires the approval of a majority of the legislatures of the
18 several states; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Texas Legislature apply only for a
20 convention that is exclusively limited to the subject matter of
21 proposing for ratification an amendment to the constitution
22 providing that an increase in the federal debt requires approval
23 from a majority of the legislatures of the several states; and, be
24 it further

1 RESOLVED, That this application by the 83rd Texas Legislature
2 constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V
3 of the United States Constitution until at least two-thirds of the
4 legislatures of the several states have applied to Congress to call
5 a convention limited to the same exclusive purpose described in
6 this application; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
8 copies of this resolution to the speaker of the House of
9 Representatives and the president of the Senate of the Congress of
10 the United States and to each member of the Texas delegation to
11 Congress; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward certified
13 copies of this resolution to the presiding officer of each house of
14 the legislatures of the several states with a request for their
15 cooperation in applying to Congress for a convention for the
16 exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States
17 Constitution to provide that an increase in the federal debt
18 requires the approval of a majority of the legislatures of the
19 several states.