

1-1 By: Vasut, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Birdwell) H.J.R. No. 98
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 28, 2025;
1-3 April 30, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 6, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 3; May 6, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-14	X			
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1-19 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-20 applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention
1-21 under Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited
1-22 purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the constitution to
1-23 impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the
1-24 power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the
1-25 terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress.

1-26 WHEREAS, The drafters of the United States Constitution
1-27 empowered state legislatures to be guardians of liberty against
1-28 abuses of power by the federal government; and

1-29 WHEREAS, The federal government has abused its power by
1-30 creating a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent
1-31 spending; and

1-32 WHEREAS, The federal government has abused its power by
1-33 invading the legitimate role of the states through the manipulative
1-34 process of federal mandates that are to a great extent unfunded; and

1-35 WHEREAS, The federal government has ceased to abide by a
1-36 proper interpretation of the United States Constitution; and

1-37 WHEREAS, It is the solemn duty of state legislatures to
1-38 protect the liberty of the people and of future generations by
1-39 proposing amendments to the United States Constitution that place
1-40 clear restraints on federal power; and

1-41 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution
1-42 authorizes the several state legislatures to restrict the power of
1-43 the federal government through the amendment process; and

1-44 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution provides
1-45 that on application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the
1-46 several states Congress shall call a convention for the purpose of
1-47 proposing amendments to the constitution; now, therefore, be it

1-48 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas,
1-49 Regular Session, 2025, hereby apply to Congress to call a
1-50 convention under Article V of the United States Constitution for
1-51 the limited purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the
1-52 constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government,
1-53 to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and
1-54 to limit the terms of office of federal officials and members of
1-55 Congress; and, be it further

1-56 RESOLVED, That, unless rescinded by a succeeding
1-57 legislature, this application by the 89th Legislature of the State
1-58 of Texas constitutes a continuing application in accordance with
1-59 Article V of the United States Constitution until at least
1-60 two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have applied
1-61 to Congress to call a convention for the limited purpose of

2-1 proposing one or more amendments to the constitution to impose
2-2 fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the power and
2-3 jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the terms of
2-4 office of federal officials and members of Congress; and, be it
2-5 further

2-6 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
2-7 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
2-8 the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the
2-9 Senate of the Congress of the United States, and to all members of
2-10 the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this
2-11 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as an
2-12 application to Congress for a convention under Article V of the
2-13 United States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing one
2-14 or more amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints
2-15 on the federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of
2-16 the federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal
2-17 officials and members of Congress; and, be it further

2-18 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
2-19 copies of this resolution to the secretaries of state and to the
2-20 presiding officers of the legislatures of the several states with
2-21 the request that they join this state in applying to Congress for a
2-22 convention under Article V of the United States Constitution for
2-23 the limited purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the
2-24 constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government,
2-25 to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and
2-26 to limit the terms of office of federal officials and members of
2-27 Congress.

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