

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION V

September 12, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Chatfield, Noble, Canfield, Johnson, Kahle, Webber, Howell, Iden, Sheppard, Alexander, Kesto, Yaroch, Allor, Kelly, Hoitenga, Cole, Lauwers and Lower and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention to propose an amendment to the constitution of the United States to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for federal officials and members of Congress.

1 Whereas, the founders of our constitution empowered state
2 legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of
3 power by the federal government, and

4 Whereas, the federal government has created a crushing
5 national debt through improper and imprudent spending, and

6 Whereas, the federal government has invaded the legitimate
7 roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal

1 mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent, and

2 Whereas, the federal government has ceased to live under a
3 proper interpretation of the constitution of the United States, and

4 Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the
5 liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come, by
6 proposing amendments to the constitution of the United States
7 through a convention of the states under Article V for the purpose
8 of restraining these and related abuses of power,

9 Be it therefore resolved by the legislature of the state of
10 Michigan:

11 Section 1. The legislature of the state of Michigan hereby
12 applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the
13 constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention
14 of the states limited to proposing amendments to the constitution
15 of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal
16 government, limit the powers and jurisdiction of the federal
17 government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for
18 members of Congress.

19 Section 2. The secretary of state is hereby directed to
20 transmit copies of this application to the president and secretary
21 of the United States senate and to the speaker and clerk of the
22 United States house of representatives, and copies to the members
23 of the said senate and house of representatives from this state;
24 also to transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of
25 the legislative houses in the several states, requesting their
26 cooperation.

27 Section 3. This application constitutes a continuing

1 application in accordance with Article V of the constitution of the
2 United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the
3 several states have made applications on the same subject.