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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR30175-LG-17

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Sponsors: Representatives Riddell, Saine, Setzer, and D. Hall (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION  
2 OF THE STATES WITH THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE  
3 UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

4 Whereas, the founders of the United States Constitution empowered state legislators  
5 to be guardians against actual or potential abuses of power by the federal government; and

6 Whereas, the federal government has increasingly usurped legitimate roles of the  
7 states; and

8 Whereas, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through  
9 unsustainable budgeting and spending; and

10 Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect freedom and opportunity for our  
11 citizens, including the generations to come; and

12 Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States authorizes a process to  
13 propose amendments to the United States Constitution through a convention of the states to place  
14 clear restraints on these and related abuses of power; Now, therefore,

15 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

16 **SECTION 1.** The legislature of the State of North Carolina hereby applies to  
17 Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the  
18 calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the United States  
19 Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and  
20 jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for  
21 members of Congress.

22 **SECTION 2.** This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance  
23 with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds  
24 of the several states have made applications on the same subject. This application expires on  
25 December 31, 2028.

26 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit copies of this application to the  
27 President of the United States, Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of  
28 the United States House of Representatives, the members of North Carolina's congressional  
29 delegation, and the presiding officers of all state legislatures in the several states requesting their  
30 cooperation.

31 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.



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