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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
148th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

APPLYING FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO PROPOSE CERTAIN AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, the Founders of our Constitution empowered State Legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the States to protect the liberty of our people— particularly for the generations to come—by proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a Convention of the States under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power.

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 148th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that Delaware hereby applies to Congress for a convention of the states, under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution to propose amendments to the United States Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this application be provided to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the states have made applications on the same subject.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution applies to Congress for a convention of the states, under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution to propose amendments relating to the federal government.

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