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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.

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

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

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

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

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

12 NOW THEREFORE:

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

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

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with  
21 Article V of the United States Constitution until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the states have made applications  
22 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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