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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 18

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**Citations Affected:** The Constitution of the State of Indiana.

**Synopsis:** Article V convention. Applies to Congress for a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution to propose amendments to the United States Constitution. Provides that such a convention be limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that do the following: (1) Impose fiscal restraints on the federal government. (2) Limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government regarding the Commerce and General Welfare Clauses. (3) Limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

**Effective:** This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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January 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules & Legislative Procedure.

February 12, 2015, amended; reassigned to Committee on Judiciary.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2014 Regular Session and 2014 Second Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution.

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the General Assembly of the State of Indiana  
2 makes application to the Congress of the United States for a convention  
3 under Article V of the Constitution of the United States to propose  
4 amendments to the Constitution of the United States.
- 5           SECTION 2. That such a convention called under Article V be  
6 limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United  
7 States that do the following:
- 8           (1) Impose fiscal restraints on the federal government.  
9           (2) Limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government  
10 regarding the Commerce and General Welfare Clauses.  
11           (3) Limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of  
12 Congress.

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1           SECTION 3. That certified copies of this resolution be sent to the  
2           presiding officers of the Congress of the United States, to the Secretary  
3           of the United States Senate and the Clerk of the United States House  
4           of Representatives, to the presiding officer of each chamber of each  
5           state legislature in the United States, and to the members of the  
6           Congress of the United States from Indiana.



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 18, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Delete the title and insert the following:

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution.

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 6, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. That the General Assembly of the State of Indiana makes application to the Congress of the United States for a convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

SECTION 2. That such a convention called under Article V be limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that do the following:

- (1) Impose fiscal restraints on the federal government.
- (2) Limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government regarding the Commerce and General Welfare Clauses.
- (3) Limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

SECTION 3. That certified copies of this resolution be sent to the presiding officers of the Congress of the United States, to the Secretary of the United States Senate and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the presiding officer of each chamber of each state legislature in the United States, and to the members of the Congress of the United States from Indiana."

and when so amended that said Joint Resolution be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

(Reference is to SJR 18 as introduced.)

LONG, Chairperson

