

HOUSE No. 3541

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven George Xiarhos

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

Resolutions calling on Article V of the United States Constitution for the convening of a convention of the states.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/10/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/28/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>

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By Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 3541) of Steven George Xiarhos and others for the adoption of resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to convene a Constitutional Convention. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3660 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**
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Resolutions calling on Article V of the United States Constitution for the convening of a convention of the states.

1 WHEREAS, Executive Orders by the President of the United States have become a
2 vehicle through which the President may overstep the limits of his constitutional authority; and

3 WHEREAS, the concentration of power at the federal level has had the effect of making
4 federal officials less responsive to the will of the people and more readily influenced by
5 lobbyists, wealthy corporations, and special interests in Washington, D.C.; and

6 WHEREAS, much of federal law is now enacted by federal bureaucrats who were never
7 chosen by the people and have no accountability to the people whatsoever; and

8 WHEREAS, policy decisions made at the state level tend to be more responsive to the
9 needs and desires of the people; and

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

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

14 WHEREAS, the States have the ability to restore the responsiveness of government to the
15 people and to restrain abuses of federal power by proposing Amendments to the Constitution of
16 the United States through a limited Convention of States under Article V;

17 Be it therefore resolved by the legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

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

24 SECTION 2. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to transmit copies of this
25 application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to the Speaker and
26 Clerk of the United States House of Representatives from this State; also to transmit copies
27 hereof to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several States, requesting
28 their cooperation;

29 SECTION 3. This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with
30 Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of
31 the several states have made applications on the same subject.