

SENATE No. 401

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 bill:

An Act relative to the application for a convention of the states under article v of the constitution of the United States.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 401) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to the application for a convention of the states under article v of the constitution of the United States. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the application for a convention of the states under article v of the constitution of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 1. The legislature of the State of Massachusetts hereby applies to Congress, under
2 the
3 provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a
4 convention of
5 the states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that
6 impose
7 fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal
8 government.

9 Section 2. The secretary of state is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application
10 to the

11 President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the
12 United
13 States House of Representatives, and copies to the members of the said Senate and House
14 of
15 Representatives from this State; also to transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of
16 each of
17 the legislative houses in the several States, requesting their cooperation.

18 Section 3. This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article
19 V of
20 the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the
21 several
22 states have made applications on the same subject.