

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0004

Constitutional convention.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Peterson and Representative(s)
Winters

A Bill

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to call a convention
2 to amend the United States Constitution as specified.

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4 WHEREAS, the founders of our constitution empowered state
5 legislators to be guardians of liberty against future
6 abuses of power by the federal government; and

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

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

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1 WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under a
2 proper interpretation of the constitution of the United
3 States; and

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5 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the
6 liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to
7 come, by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the
8 United States through a convention of the states under
9 article V for the purpose of restraining these and related
10 abuses of power.

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12 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*
13 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

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15 **Section 1.** The Legislature of the State of Wyoming
16 hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article
17 V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling
18 of a convention of the states limited to proposing
19 amendments to the Constitution of the United States that
20 impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit
21 the power and jurisdiction of the federal government and
22 limit the terms of office for its officials and for members
23 of Congress.

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2 **Section 2.** This application constitutes a continuing
3 application in accordance with Article V of the
4 Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of
5 at least two-thirds (2/3) of the several states have made
6 applications on the same subject.

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8 **Section 3.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
9 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
10 United States, to the President of the Senate and the
11 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
12 States Congress, to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation
13 and to the presiding officers of each of the legislative
14 houses in the several states, requesting their cooperation.

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