



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Resolution Analysis

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(As Introduced)

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RESOLUTION SUMMARY

- Applies to Congress to call a Constitutional Convention to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate states.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Application for a federal Constitutional Convention

The joint resolution is an application to the Congress of the United States for a Constitutional Convention to be called for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The proposed amendment would provide that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate states.

Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides that: "The Congress, . . . on the Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention proposing amendments."

The joint resolution declares that the Constitutional Convention contemplated by the application is to be entirely focused upon and exclusively limited to the subject matter of proposing for ratification the amendment described above to the Constitution of the United States. Furthermore, the joint resolution declares that it is a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have made application for an equivalently limited Constitutional Convention.

Upon adoption, the joint resolution directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit duly authenticated copies of the joint resolution to the

President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each member or the Ohio delegation to the United States Congress, and the presiding officers of each house of the several state legislatures, requesting their cooperation in applying for the Constitutional Convention limited to the proposed amendment described above.

HISTORY

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