



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Resolution Analysis

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RESOLUTION SUMMARY

- Urges Congress to propose a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
- Applies to Congress, formally requesting that Congress call a constitutional convention limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution to require a balanced budget, except in the event of a national emergency.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Application to Congress

This resolution urges Congress to propose a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution. It also applies to Congress, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution, to call a convention of the states limited to proposing a Constitutional amendment requiring that, in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all federal appropriations made by Congress for any fiscal year cannot exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year.

The resolution declares this application to Congress to be a continuing application until Congress has proposed a Constitutional amendment equivalent to the one proposed in the resolution *or* the legislatures of at least two-thirds (34) of the states have made applications on the same subject and a convention is called. For this purpose, the application is to be considered as covering the same subject matter as the presently outstanding balanced budget applications from other states.

Constitutional convention

If the convention called by Congress is not limited to considering a balanced budget amendment, the resolution authorizes the Ohio delegates participating in the convention to debate and vote only on a proposed amendment or amendments requiring that, in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all federal appropriations made by Congress for any fiscal year cannot exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year.

Distribution of the resolution

The resolution directs the Secretary of State to transmit copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the U.S. Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as to the Ohio members of those bodies. The Secretary of State is also to transmit copies to the presiding officers of each state legislature.

HISTORY

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