
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MAHER AND ROAE, FEBRUARY 4, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 4, 2015

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Petitioning the Congress of the United States to call a
2 convention of states limited to proposing amendments to the
3 Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal
4 restraints on the Federal Government, limit the power and
5 jurisdiction of the Federal Government and limit the terms of
6 office for its officials and for members of Congress.

7 WHEREAS, The Founding Fathers, in drafting the Constitution
8 of the United States, empowered state legislators to be
9 guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the
10 Federal Government; and

11 WHEREAS, The Federal Government has created a crushing
12 national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

13 WHEREAS, The Federal Government has invaded the legitimate
14 roles of the states through the manipulative process of Federal
15 mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

16 WHEREAS, The Federal Government has ceased to operate under a
17 proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, It is the solemn duty of the states, in order to

1 protect the liberty of the people of this nation, particularly
2 for the generations to come, to propose amendments to the
3 Constitution of the United States through a convention of states
4 under Article V to place clear restraints on the abuses of power
5 described in this resolution and related abuses of power;
6 therefore be it

7 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
8 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania petition, under the
9 provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United
10 States, the Congress of the United States to call a convention
11 of states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of
12 the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the Federal
13 Government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the Federal
14 Government and limit the terms of office for its officials and
15 for members of Congress; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That this resolution constitute a continuing
17 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of
18 the United States until at least two-thirds of the legislatures
19 of the several states have made application for a convention on
20 the same subject; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be
22 transmitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the
23 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
24 States House of Representatives, each member of the Pennsylvania
25 delegation to Congress and to the presiding officers of each
26 house of the state legislatures, requesting their cooperation in
27 applying for an amendments convention limited to the subject
28 matter contemplated by this application.