

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA PROVIDING FOR THE APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDMENTS CONVENTION TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT THAT PROVIDES THAT AN INCREASE IN THE FEDERAL DEBT REQUIRES APPROVAL FROM A MAJORITY OF THE LEGISLATURES OF THE SEPARATE STATES.

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides authority for a convention to be called by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States upon application of two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states, which is also known as an amendments convention; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Legislature favors the proposal and ratification of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that provides that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of legislatures of the separate states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Legislature of the State of Montana respectfully applies for an amendments convention to the Constitution of the United States to be called for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate states.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amendments convention contemplated by this application must be focused entirely upon and exclusively limited to the subject matter of proposing for ratification an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the several states.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application constitutes 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 amendments convention.



