

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA APPLYING FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE
6 CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT
7 TO THE CONSTITUTION THAT REQUIRES A BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET.

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9 WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States mandates that upon the “Application of
10 the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States” Congress “shall call a Convention for proposing
11 Amendments”; and

12 WHEREAS, the Legislature deems an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring a
13 balanced federal budget is necessary for the good of the American people.

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

17 Section 1. The Legislature of the State of Montana hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions
18 of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to
19 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that in the absence of a national
20 emergency the total of all federal outlays made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of
21 all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints.

22 Section 2. The Secretary of State is directed to transmit copies of this application to the President and
23 Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives,
24 and the members of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives from this state.
25 The Secretary of State is also directed to transmit copies to the presiding officers of each of the legislative
26 houses in the several states requesting their cooperation.

27 Section 3. This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the
28 Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made

1 applications on the same subject.

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