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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The concentration of power at the federal level
3 has had the effect of making federal officials less responsive
4 to the will of the people and more readily influenced by
5 lobbyists, wealthy corporations, and special interests in
6 Washington, D.C.; and

7 WHEREAS, Much of federal laws and regulations have been
8 enacted by federal bureaucrats who were never chosen by the
9 people and have no accountability to the people whatsoever;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Past administrations have created a crushing
12 national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

13 WHEREAS, Past administrations and federal bureaucrats have
14 invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the
15 manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are
16 unfunded to a great extent; and

17 WHEREAS, Policy decisions made at the state level tend to
18 be more responsive to the needs and desires of the people; and

19 WHEREAS, The states have the ability to restore the
20 responsiveness of government to the people and to restrain

1 abuses of federal power by proposing amendments to the
2 Constitution of the United States through a limited Convention
3 of the States under Article V; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that the legislature of the
7 State of Illinois hereby applies to Congress, under the
8 provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United
9 States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited
10 to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United
11 States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal
12 government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal
13 government, and limit the terms of office for its officials
14 and for members of Congress; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Secretary of State is hereby
16 directed to transmit copies of this application to the
17 President and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the
18 Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of
19 Representatives, to the Illinois Congressional Delegation, and
20 to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in
21 the United States, requesting their cooperation; and be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That this application constitutes a continuing

1 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution
2 of the United States until the legislatures of at least
3 two-thirds of the states have made applications on the same
4 subject.