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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we, the legislature of the State
of Illinois, hereby make application to the Congress, under the
provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United
States, for the calling of a convention for proposing
amendments; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That this application is for a convention limited
to considering and proposing amendments on the following
subjects:

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(1) improving the fiscal management of the federal
government by imposing requirements, with any stated
exceptions, that federal expenditures during a fixed time
period not exceed federal revenues or anticipated revenues
during that time period; imposing prohibitions and/or
limits on federal debt; and/or imposing limits on
expenditures, revenue, and/or taxes;

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(2) improving the legislative process by requiring
that all bills, orders, votes, and resolutions introduced
in and passed by Congress contain only a single subject
and/or by providing a minimum time period before passage
for bills, orders, votes, and resolutions to be reviewed by
members of Congress and members of the general public;

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1 (3) restraining the powers of the federal government by
2 clarifying that the Constitution does not authorize
3 Congress to employ its spending power to regulate
4 activities otherwise outside its enumerated powers and/or
5 prohibiting mandates or requirements on any state,
6 subdivision of any state, or any official thereof, unless
7 the federal government fully funds the cost of compliance;
8 and

9 (4) empowering the legislatures of the several states,
10 with stated exceptions, to repeal all or certain acts of
11 Congress and/or administrative regulations; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That this application shall be deemed an
14 application for a convention to address each and any of the
15 subjects listed in this resolution; for purposes of determining
16 whether two-thirds of the states have applied for a convention
17 addressing any subject, this application is to be aggregated
18 with the applications of any other state legislatures limited
19 to one or more of the subjects listed in this resolution; and
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That this resolution constitutes a continuing
22 application and remains in effect until rescission by any
23 sitting session of the legislature of this State; this
24 application does not constitute a recognition that any

1 particular activity or activities currently undertaken by the
2 federal government is or are authorized by the Constitution;
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
5 delivered to the President and Secretary of the United States
6 Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the House of Representatives
7 of the United States Congress, and the Archivist of the United
8 States; to the members of the United States Senate and House of
9 Representatives from this State; and to the presiding officers
10 of each of the legislative chambers in the several States,
11 requesting their cooperation.