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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY REPRESENTATIVES GAROFALO, BROADWATER, LORUSSO, SEABAUGH,
AND TALBOT AND SENATOR CROWE

U.S. CONSTITUTION: Applies to congress under U.S. Const. Art. V to call a convention of the states to propose U.S. constitutional amendments to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit federal government power, and provide for term limits for federal officials and members of congress

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To apply to the United States Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution
3 of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing
4 amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on
5 the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government,
6 and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of congress.

7 WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States of America mandates
8 that upon the "Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States", Congress
9 shall "call a Convention for proposing Amendments"; and

10 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana deems amendments to the United States
11 Constitution providing for fiscal restraints on the federal government, limits on the power
12 and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limits on the terms of office for federal
13 officials and for members of congress necessary for the good of the American people.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby applies
15 to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for
16 the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution
17 of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power
18 and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and
19 for members of Congress.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of state is hereby directed to
2 transmit copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate
3 and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and copies to
4 the members of the said Senate and House of Representatives from this state; also to transmit
5 copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states,
6 requesting their cooperation.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application constitutes a continuing
8 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the
9 legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same
10 subject.

DIGEST

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Applies to the U.S. Congress, under Art. V of the U.S. Constitution, for calling a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the U.S. Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of congress.

Provides that the application is a continuing application, under Art. V of the U.S. Constitution, until the legislatures of at least 2/3 of the states have made applications on the same subject.