



1           WHEREAS, James Madison, in 1830, penned, "Should the provisions of the  
2           Constitution as here reviewed, be found not to secure the Government and rights of the  
3           States, against usurpations and abuses on the part of the United States, the final resort within  
4           the purview of the Constitution, lies in an amendment of the Constitution, according to a  
5           process applicable by the States"; and

6           WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature perceives the need for an amendments  
7           convention in order to restore transparency, balance, and integrity to our elections by  
8           proposing an amendment to the federal Constitution that will permanently protect  
9           representative elections in America by addressing, *inter alia*, issues raised by the decisions  
10          of the *United States Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*  
11          (2010) 130 S.Ct. 876, and related cases and events, and desires that said convention should  
12          be so limited; and

13          WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana desires that the delegates to said convention shall  
14          be comprised equally of individuals currently elected to state and local office, or be selected  
15          by election, in each Congressional district for the purpose of serving as delegates, though  
16          all individuals elected or appointed to federal office, now or in the past, be prohibited from  
17          serving as delegates to the convention, and intends to retain the ability to restrict or expand  
18          the power of its delegates within the limits expressed herein; and

19          WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana intends that this be a continuing application  
20          considered together with applications calling for a convention passed in the 2013-2014  
21          Vermont legislature as R454, the 2013-2014 California legislature as Resolution Chapter 77,  
22          the 98th Illinois General Assembly as SJR 42, the 2014-2015 New Jersey legislature as SCR  
23          132, the 2015-2016 Rhode Island legislature as HR 7670 and SR 2589, and all other passed,  
24          pending, and future applications until such time as two-thirds of the several states have  
25          applied for a convention for a similar purpose and said convention is convened by Congress.

26          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana, as  
27          representatives of the people of Louisiana, hereby memorializes and applies to the Congress  
28          of the United States, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, to call a  
29          convention for the exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the  
30          United States of America that will restore elections strong in individual participation and

1 engagement, as described herein, as soon as two-thirds of the several states have applied for  
2 a convention for a similar purpose.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana respectfully  
4 requests that the full and complete text of this Resolution be printed in the *Congressional*  
5 *Record*.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana urges the  
7 legislatures of each of the several states comprising the United States of America issue an  
8 application compelling Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments pursuant  
9 to Article V of the U.S. Constitution.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted  
11 to the president of the United States, the vice president of the United States in his capacity  
12 as presiding officer of the United States Senate, the president pro tempore of the United  
13 States Senate, the secretary of the United States Senate, the speaker of the United States  
14 House of Representatives, the minority leader of the United States House of Representatives,  
15 and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Louisiana  
16 delegation to the United States Congress, and the presiding officer of each house of each  
17 state legislature in the United States.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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Memorializes and applies to Congress, pursuant to Article V of the U.S. Constitution, to call a convention for the exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that will restore elections strong in individual participation and engagement as soon as two-thirds of the several states have applied for a convention for a similar purpose.

Requests that the full and complete text of this Resolution be printed in the Congressional Record.

Urges other state legislatures to issue an application compelling Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments pursuant to Article V of the U.S. Constitution.