

1-1 By: Birdwell, et al. S.J.R. No. 2
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 6, 2016; January 25, 2017,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 February 21, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 2; February 21, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-14	X			
1-15	X			
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1-17 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-18 applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention
 1-19 under Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited
 1-20 purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the constitution to
 1-21 impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the
 1-22 power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the
 1-23 terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress.

1-24 WHEREAS, The drafters of the United States Constitution
 1-25 empowered state legislatures to be guardians of liberty against
 1-26 abuses of power by the federal government; and

1-27 WHEREAS, The federal government has abused its power by
 1-28 creating a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent
 1-29 spending; and

1-30 WHEREAS, The federal government has abused its power by
 1-31 invading the legitimate role of the states through the manipulative
 1-32 process of federal mandates that are to a great extent unfunded; and

1-33 WHEREAS, The federal government has ceased to abide by a
 1-34 proper interpretation of the United States Constitution; and

1-35 WHEREAS, It is the solemn duty of state legislatures to
 1-36 protect the liberty of the people and of future generations by
 1-37 proposing amendments to the United States Constitution that place
 1-38 clear restraints on federal power; and

1-39 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution
 1-40 authorizes the several state legislatures to restrict the power of
 1-41 the federal government through the amendment process; and

1-42 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution provides
 1-43 that on application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the
 1-44 several states Congress shall call a convention for the purpose of
 1-45 proposing amendments to the constitution; now, therefore, be it

1-46 RESOLVED, That the 85th Texas Legislature apply to Congress
 1-47 to call a convention under Article V of the United States
 1-48 Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing one or more
 1-49 amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the
 1-50 federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of the
 1-51 federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal
 1-52 officials and members of Congress; and, be it further

1-53 RESOLVED, That, unless rescinded by a succeeding
 1-54 legislature, this application by the 85th Texas Legislature
 1-55 constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V
 1-56 of the United States Constitution until at least two-thirds of the
 1-57 legislatures of the several states have applied to Congress to call
 1-58 a convention for the limited purpose of proposing one or more
 1-59 amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the
 1-60 federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of the
 1-61 federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal

2-1 officials and members of Congress; and, be it further

2-2 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
2-3 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
2-4 the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the
2-5 Senate of the Congress of the United States, and to all members of
2-6 the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this
2-7 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as an
2-8 application to Congress for a convention under Article V of the
2-9 United States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing one
2-10 or more amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints
2-11 on the federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of
2-12 the federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal
2-13 officials and members of Congress; and, be it further

2-14 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
2-15 copies of this resolution to the secretaries of state and to the
2-16 presiding officers of the legislatures of the several states with
2-17 the request that they join this state in applying to Congress for a
2-18 convention under Article V of the United States Constitution for
2-19 the limited purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the
2-20 constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government,
2-21 to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and
2-22 to limit the terms of office of federal officials and members of
2-23 Congress.

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