



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Resolution Analysis

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(As Introduced)

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RESOLUTION SUMMARY

- Applies to Congress to call a constitutional convention to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to (1) require balanced budgets for all federal programs and agencies, except in times of war, (2) give the President line-item veto power, and (3) require biennial rather than annual budgets for all federal programs and agencies.
- Limits the participation of Ohio delegates in a constitutional convention called pursuant to the application to the subjects contained in the resolution.
- Requests that if two-thirds (34) of the state legislatures apply to Congress to call a constitutional convention, the convention be called within six months after Congress receives the 34th application.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Application to Congress

The joint resolution, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, applies to Congress to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing to the states the ratification of an amendment to the Constitution that would do all of the following:

(1) Require the President to submit and Congress to adopt only balanced budgets for all federal programs and agencies, except in times of war;

(2) Grant the President the authority to disapprove any item or items in any bill presented by Congress to the President, in addition to the President's authority to veto entire bills;

(3) Require the President to submit and Congress to adopt budgets for all federal programs and agencies on a biennial rather than annual basis.

The resolution declares this application to Congress to be a continuing application until at least two-thirds (34) of the state legislatures have applied for a constitutional convention or until Congress has proposed an amendment equivalent to the one proposed in the resolution.

Constitutional convention

The resolution requests that, if two-thirds of the state legislatures apply to Congress to call a constitutional convention, Congress call the convention not later than six months after it receives the 34th application. Additionally, if the convention is not limited to the subject of the amendment proposed in the resolution, any delegates from Ohio are permitted to debate and vote only on the proposed amendment or an equivalent amendment.

Distribution of the resolution

The resolution directs the Senate Clerk to transmit duly authenticated copies of it to the Speaker and Clerk of the United State House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, the presiding officer of each house of each state legislature, and the news media of Ohio.

HISTORY

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