

A (JOINT - CONCURRENT) RESOLUTION, Making a formal application  
to Congress to call a convention for the sole purpose  
of proposing for ratification an amendment to the Constitution  
which requires a Balanced Federal Budget.

## **Application under Article V of the U.S. Constitution for a Balanced Budget Amendment Convention**

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

WHEREAS, the legislature deems an amendment to the United States requiring a balanced  
federal budget is necessary for the good of the American people.

Therefore be it resolved by the legislature of the State of \_\_\_\_\_:

Section 1. The legislature of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby applies to Congress, under the  
provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the  
states limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that in the  
absence of a national emergency the total of all Federal outlays made by the Congress for any fiscal year  
may not exceed the total of all estimated Federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related  
and appropriate fiscal restraints.

Section 2. The Secretary of State (proper officer for your state) is hereby directed to transmit  
copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of  
the House of Representatives of the Congress, and copies to the members of the said Senate and House  
of Representatives from this State; also to transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of the  
legislative houses in the several States, requesting their cooperation.

Section 3. This application is to be considered as covering the balanced budget amendment  
language of the presently outstanding balanced budget applications from other states, including but not  
limited to previously-adopted applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia,  
Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New  
Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota,  
Tennessee, Texas, Utah and West Virginia; and this application shall be aggregated with same for the  
purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require the calling of a convention for  
proposing a balanced budget amendment, but shall not be aggregated with any applications on any  
other subject.

Section 4. This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of  
the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states  
have made applications on the same subject. It supersedes all previous applications by this legislature  
on the same subject.