
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 [SCR 1]

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the President Pro Tem of the Senate and the Speaker of the House appoint a committee of thirty-six members, one-half from the Senate and one-half from the House to cooperate in making all necessary plans and arrangements for the participation of the General Assembly in the inauguration of the executive officials of the State of Missouri on January 9, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee be authorized to cooperate with any other committees, officials or persons planning and executing the inaugural ceremonies keeping with the traditions of the great State of Missouri.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4 [SCR 4]

Relating to an application to Congress for the calling of an Article V convention of states to propose certain amendments to the United States Constitution which place limits on the federal government.

Whereas, the Founders of our Constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

Whereas, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

Whereas, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

Whereas, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people - particularly for the generations to come - to propose amendments to the United States Constitution through a convention of states under Article V to place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby apply to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the United States 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 members of Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly adopts this application with the following understandings (as the term "understandings" is used within the context of "reservations, understandings, and declarations"):

(1) An application to Congress for an Article V convention confers no power on Congress other than to perform a ministerial function to "call" for a convention;

(2) This ministerial duty shall be performed by Congress only when Article V applications for substantially the same purpose are received from two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states;

(3) The power of Congress to “call” a convention solely consists of the authority to name a reasonable time and place for the initial meeting of the convention;

(4) Congress possesses no power whatsoever to name delegates to the convention, as this power remains exclusively within the authority of the legislatures of the several states;

(5) Congress possesses no power to set the number of delegates to be sent by any states;

(6) Congress possesses no power whatsoever to determine any rules for such convention;

(7) By definition, a Convention of States means that states vote on the basis of one state, one vote;

(8) A Convention of States convened pursuant to this application is limited to consideration of topics specified herein and no other;

(9) The General Assembly of Missouri may recall its delegates at any time for breach of their duties or violations of their instructions;

(10) Pursuant to the text of Article V, Congress may determine whether proposed amendments shall be ratified by the legislatures of the several states or by special state ratification conventions. The General Assembly of Missouri recommends that Congress specify its choice on ratification methodology contemporaneously with the call for the convention;

(11) Congress possesses no power whatsoever with regard to the Article V convention beyond the two powers acknowledged herein;

(12) Missouri places express reliance on prior legal and judicial determinations that Congress possesses no power under Article I relative to the Article V process, and that Congress must act only as expressly specified in Article V; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application shall expire five (5) years after the passage of this resolution; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation, and the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states requesting their cooperation.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26 [SCR 26]

WHEREAS, Section 29.351 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri provides that during the regular legislative session which convenes in an odd-numbered year, the General Assembly shall, by concurrent resolution, employ an independent certified public accountant or certified public accounting firm to conduct an audit examination of the accounts, functions, programs, and management of the State Auditor’s office:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby authorize the employment of an independent certified public accountant or certified public accounting firm pursuant to the provisions of Section 29.351; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit examination be made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, including such reviews and inspections of books, records and other underlying data and documents as are necessary to enable the independent certified public accountant performing the audit to reach an informed opinion on the condition and

performance of the accounts, functions, programs, and management of the State Auditor's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon completion of the audit, the independent certified public accountant make a written report of his or her findings and conclusions, and supply each member of the General Assembly, the Governor, and the State Auditor with a copy of the report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of the audit and report be paid out of the joint contingent fund of the General Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner of Administration bid these services, at the direction of the General Assembly, pursuant to state purchasing laws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Commissioner of Administration.

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