



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2017 Assembly Joint Resolution 21**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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### **2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 21**

2017 Assembly Joint Resolution 21 (AJR 21) proposes that the State of Wisconsin apply to the U.S. Congress, under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, for the calling of a convention for proposing amendments, for the limited purpose of requiring the federal government to operate under a balanced budget. AJR 21 directs the Wisconsin Secretary of State to forward a proper authenticated copy of the joint resolution to the President of the U.S. Senate and the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. AJR 21 also provides that the joint resolution constitutes a continuing application for a convention for proposing amendments in accordance with Article V of the U.S. Constitution until such a convention is convened of the same subject or until the Wisconsin Legislature rescinds this resolution.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Under Assembly Amendment 1 to AJR 21, the Senate Chief Clerk and the Assembly Chief Clerk of the Wisconsin Legislature, and not the Wisconsin Secretary of State, are required to jointly forward a proper authenticated copy of the joint resolution to the President of the U.S. Senate and the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

### **LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

On March 31, 2017, Representative Knodl introduced Assembly Amendment 1 to AJR 21. On May 31, 2017, the Assembly Committee on Federalism and Interstate Relations voted to recommend adoption by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 2; and to recommend passage, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 2.

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