



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Senate Joint Resolution 18

Senate Amendment 1

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2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

2017 Senate Joint Resolution 18 (SJR 18) 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. SJR 18 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. SJR 18 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.

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Under Senate Amendment 1 to SJR 18, 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 30, 2017, Senator Kapenga introduced Senate Amendment 1 to SJR 18. On the same day, the Senate Committee on Financial Services, Constitution, and Federalism voted to recommend adoption by a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 1; and to recommend passage, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

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