



2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 77

August 14, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives KNODL, BRANDTJEN, EDMING, FELZKOWSKI, HUTTON, RAMTHUN, SCHRAA, SORTWELL, DITTRICH, HORLACHER, GUNDRUM, KUGLITSCH, KULP, KURTZ, MAGNAFICI, MURSAU, NEYLON, OTT, PETRYK, QUINN, STAFSHOLT, SUMMERFIELD, THIESFELDT, TITTL, TRANEL, TUSLER and ZIMMERMAN, cosponsored by Senators TIFFANY, BERNIER, JACQUE, NASS, STROEBEL and MARKLEIN. Referred to Committee on Federalism and Interstate Relations.

1 **Relating to:** convention of the States for one or more Constitutional amendments
2 restraining abuses of power by the federal government.

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

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

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

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

12 Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the States to protect the liberty of our people
13 — particularly for the generations to come — by proposing amendments to the
14 Constitution of the United States through a Convention of the States under Article

1 V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power; now, therefore,
2 be it

3 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature of
4 the State of Wisconsin hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V
5 of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the States
6 limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that
7 impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction
8 of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for
9 members of Congress; and, be it further

10 ***Resolved, That*** the secretary of state is hereby directed to transmit copies of
11 this application to the president and secretary of the United States Senate and to the
12 speaker and clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and copies to the
13 members of the said Senate and House of Representatives from this State; also to
14 transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the
15 several States, requesting their cooperation; and, be it further

16 ***Resolved, That*** this application constitutes a continuing application in
17 accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the
18 legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several States have made applications on
19 the same subject.

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