2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

February 11, 2021 - Introduced by Senators BERNIER, FELZKOWSKI, JACQUE, MARKLEIN, NASS, STAISHOLT and STROEBEL, cosponsored by Representatives KNODL, ROZAR, ALLEN, ARMSTRONG, BRANDTJEN, BROOKS, CABRAL-GUEVARA, CALLAHAN, DALLMAN, DITTRICH, EDMING, GUNDRUM, HORLACHER, JAMES, KRUG, KUGLITSCH, KURTZ, MAGNAFICI, MOSES, MURSAU, NEYLON, PETRYK, RAMTHUN, SANFELIPPO, SCHRAA, SKOWRONSKI, SORTWELL, STEFFEN, SWEARINGEN, SUMMERFIELD, THIESFELDT, TITTL, TUSLER, VANDERMEER and ZIMMERMAN. Referred to Committee on Government Operations, Legal Review and Consumer Protection.

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
13    people—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
Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature of the State of Wisconsin 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 amendments to the Constitution of the United States 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 for members of Congress; and, be it further

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

Resolved, That 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.

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