

Senate Resolution 371

By: Senators Cowser of the 46th, Shafer of the 48th, Chance of the 16th, Hill of the 32nd, Loudermilk of the 14th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Making renewed application to the Congress of the United States to call for a convention for
2 the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in 1976, by House Resolution 469-1267, Resolution Act No. 93 (Ga. L. 1976,
5 p. 184), the Georgia General Assembly applied to the Congress to call a convention for the
6 specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
7 States to require a balanced federal budget and to make certain exceptions with respect
8 thereto; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2004, by House Resolution No. 1343, Act No. 802 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 1081),
10 the Georgia General Assembly rescinded and repealed all prior applications for constitutional
11 conventions, including but not limited to said 1976 application; and

12 WHEREAS, the need for such a balanced budget amendment remains and has become far
13 more apparent and urgent.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 GEORGIA that this body hereby applies again to Congress, under the provisions of Article
16 V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention for proposing an
17 amendment to the Constitution of the United States and recommends that the convention be
18 limited to consideration and proposal of an amendment requiring that in the absence of a
19 national emergency the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal
20 year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to transmit appropriate copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the United
23 States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and
24 members of the Georgia congressional delegation and to transmit appropriate copies also to

25 the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses of the several states, requesting their
26 cooperation.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application is to be considered as covering the same
28 subject matter as the presently-outstanding balanced budget applications from other states,
29 including but not limited to previously adopted applications from Alabama, Alaska,
30 Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Mississippi,
31 Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Texas, and
32 this application should be aggregated with same for the purpose of reaching the two-thirds
33 of states necessary to require the calling of a convention, but should not be aggregated with
34 any applications on any other subject.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application shall constitute a continuing application
36 in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until:

37 (1) The legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on
38 the same subject and Congress has called for a convention for proposing an amendment to
39 the Constitution of the United States;

40 (2) The Congress of the United States has in accordance with Article V of the Constitution
41 of the United States proposed an amendment to said Constitution which is consistent with
42 the balanced budget amendment referenced in this application; or

43 (3) January 1, 2020,
44 whichever first occurs.