

Senate Resolution 854

By: Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Dolezal of the 27th, Tippins of the 37th, Payne of the 54th, Dugan of the 30th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Applying for a convention of the states under Article V of the United States Constitution; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the founders of the Constitution of the United States empowered state
4 legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal
5 government; and

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

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

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

13 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people,
14 particularly for the generations to come, by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the
15 United States through a convention of the states under Article V of the United States
16 Constitution to place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 GEORGIA that the General Assembly of the State of Georgia hereby applies to Congress,
19 under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of
20 a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the United States Constitution
21 that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of
22 the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of
23 Congress.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application shall be deemed an application for a
25 convention to address each or all of the subjects herein stated. For the purposes of
26 determining whether two-thirds of the states have applied for a convention addressing any
27 of the subjects stated herein, this application is to be aggregated with the applications of any
28 other state legislatures for the single subjects of balancing the federal budget, limiting the
29 power and jurisdiction of the federal government, or limiting the terms of federal officials.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized and
31 directed to make appropriate copies of this application available for distribution to the
32 President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the
33 United States House of Representatives; to the members of the United States Senate and
34 United States House of Representatives from this state; and to the presiding officers of each
35 of the legislative houses in the several states, requesting their cooperation.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application constitutes a continuing application in
37 accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of
38 at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject.