

Senate Resolution 262

By: Senator Cowsert of the 46th

### 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, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people,  
9 particularly for the generations to come, by proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
10 the United States through a convention of the states under Article V of the United States  
11 Constitution to place clear restraints on Congress to operate pursuant to a balanced budget  
12 subject to exceptions necessary to respond to emergencies and provide for the national  
13 defense.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 GEORGIA that the General Assembly of the State of Georgia hereby applies to Congress,

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16 under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of  
17 a convention of the states limited to proposing an amendment to the United States  
18 Constitution imposing fiscal restraints on the federal government, requiring a balanced  
19 budget subject to exceptions necessary to respond to emergencies and provide for the  
20 national defense.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application shall be deemed an application for a  
22 convention to address only the subject herein stated. For the purposes of determining  
23 whether two-thirds of the states have applied for a convention addressing any of the subjects  
24 stated herein, this application is to be aggregated with the applications of any other state  
25 legislatures for the single subject of balancing the federal budget, including, but not limited  
26 to, previously adopted applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado,  
27 Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi,  
28 Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota,  
29 Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington,  
30 Utah, West Virginia, Wyoming, and Wisconsin; and this application shall be aggregated with  
31 the same for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require the calling  
32 of a convention but shall not be aggregated with any applications on any other subject.

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

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized and  
37 directed to make appropriate copies of this application available for distribution to the  
38 President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the  
39 United States House of Representatives; to the members of the United States Senate and

40 United States House of Representatives from this state; and to the presiding officers of each  
41 of the legislative houses in the several states requesting their cooperation.