

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
JOINT
2 RESOLUTION NO. 4

By: Standridge, Mazzei, Crain,
Griffin, Shaw, Bingman,
Brecheen, Brown, and Yen of
the Senate

and

Echols and Moore of the
House

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8 [Resolution - convention of the states - power and
jurisdiction of the federal government - terms of
9 office - transmission]
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12 WHEREAS, the founders of the Constitution of the United States
13 empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against
14 future abuses of power by the federal government; and

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

17 Whereas, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles
18 of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates,
19 most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

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

22 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the
23 liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come, by
24 proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States

1 through a convention of the states under Article V of the United
2 States Constitution to place clear restraints on these and related
3 abuses of power.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

6 THAT the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma hereby applies to
7 Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of
8 the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states
9 limited to proposing amendments to the United States Constitution
10 that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the
11 power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the
12 terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress; and

13 THAT this application shall be deemed an application for a
14 convention to address each or all of the subjects herein stated.
15 For the purposes of determining whether two-thirds of the states
16 have applied for a convention addressing any of the subjects stated
17 herein, this application is to be aggregated with the applications
18 of any other state legislatures for the single subjects of balancing
19 the federal budget, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the
20 federal government, or limiting the terms of federal officials; and

21 THAT the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit
22 copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the
23 United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United
24 States House of Representatives, to transmit copies to the members

