

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 14**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Applies to Congress for an Article V Convention of States to limit certain powers of the federal government and terms of office.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** applying to the Congress of the
2 United States for the calling of an Article V Convention of States
3 for the purpose of limiting certain powers of the federal
4 government.

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6 **WHEREAS**, The Founders of our Constitution empowered state
7 legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power
8 by the federal government; and

9 **WHEREAS**, The federal government has created a crushing national
10 debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

11 **WHEREAS**, The federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of
12 the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates,
13 most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

14 **WHEREAS**, The federal government has ceased to live under a proper
15 interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

16 **WHEREAS**, It is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty
17 of our people, particularly for the generations to come, to
18 propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States,
19 and to place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power;
20 now, therefore,

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22 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the*
23 *General Assembly concurring):*

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25 1. The Legislature of the State of New Jersey makes
26 application to the Congress of the United States, for the calling of
27 an Article V Convention of the States for the limited purpose of
28 proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that
29 impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power
30 and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of
31 office for its officials and for members of Congress.

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33 2. This application constitutes a continuing application in
34 accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States
35 until the Legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have
36 made applications on the same subject.

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38 3. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
39 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the
40 Secretary of the Senate to the President and Vice President of the
41 United States, the Speaker of the United States House of
42 Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House of
43 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States
44 Senate, each Senator and Representative from New Jersey in the
45 Congress of the United States, the Governor of each state, and the
46 presiding officer of each house of each state legislature in the
47 United States, requesting their cooperation.

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STATEMENT

This Senate concurrent resolution applies to Congress for the calling of an Article V Convention of the States limited to proposing amendments to the United States Constitution 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.