

**SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. 15**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**221st LEGISLATURE**

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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**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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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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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.