

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 4

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GATSCHENBERGER.

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### AN ACT

Relating to the calling of a convention proposing amendments to the United States Constitution.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

2       **WHEREAS**, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides authority for a  
3 Convention to be called by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of proposing  
4 amendments to the Constitution upon application of two-thirds of the Legislatures of the several  
5 states ("amendments convention"); and

6       **WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of Missouri favors the proposal and ratification  
7 of an amendment to said Constitution which shall provide that an increase in the federal debt  
8 requires approval from a majority of the Legislatures of the separate States;

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10       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
11 Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
12 concurring therein, hereby respectfully applies, as provided for in Article V of the Constitution  
13 of the United States, for an amendments convention to be called for the purpose of proposing an  
14 amendment which shall provide that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a  
15 majority of the Legislatures of the separate States; and

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17       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the amendments convention contemplated by this  
18 application shall be entirely focused upon and exclusively limited to the subject matter of  
19 proposing for ratification an amendment to the Constitution providing that an increase in the  
20 federal debt requires approval from a majority of the Legislatures of the separate States; and

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22       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this application constitutes a continuing  
23 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at least  
24 two-thirds of the Legislatures of the several States have made application for an equivalently  
25 limited amendments convention; and

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27           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this application be dispatched  
28 by the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives to the President of the United States  
29 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Missouri  
30 Congressional delegation, and the presiding officers of each house of the several State  
31 Legislatures requesting their cooperation in applying for the amendments convention limited to  
32 the subject matter contemplated by this application.

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