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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 44

Sponsors: Representatives Bert Jones, Millis, Riddell, and Setzer (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Judiciary I, if favorable, Appropriations

February 8, 2017

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION
2 OF THE STATES WITH THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE
3 UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

4 Whereas, the Founders of the United States Constitution empowered State Legislators
5 to be guardians against actual or potential abuses of power by the federal government; and

6 Whereas, the federal government has increasingly usurped legitimate roles of the
7 States; and

8 Whereas, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through
9 unsustainable budgeting and spending; and

10 Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the States to protect freedom and opportunity for our
11 citizens, including the generations to come; and

12 Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States authorizes a process to
13 propose amendments to the United States Constitution through a Convention of the States to place
14 clear restraints on these and related abuses of power; Now, therefore,

15 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

16 **SECTION 1.** The Legislature of the State of North Carolina hereby applies to
17 Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling
18 of a Convention of the States limited to proposing amendments to the United States Constitution
19 that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the
20 federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

21 **SECTION 2.** This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with
22 Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the
23 several States have made applications on the same subject. This application expires on December
24 31, 2026.

25 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit copies of this application to the
26 President of the United States, Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the
27 United States House of Representatives, the members of North Carolina's congressional
28 delegation, and the presiding officers of all state legislatures in the several States requesting their
29 cooperation.

30 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.

