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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 81

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to a federal constitutional

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convention and the rules for a future

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constitutional convention.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States in Article V provides that

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"the Congress ... on the application of the legislatures of two thirds of the

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several states, shall call a convention for proposing amendments, which ...

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shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of this Constitution....";

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WHEREAS Congress has never established the rules for such a convention,

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though bills have been introduced for that purpose on several occasions; and

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WHEREAS thirty-one of the required thirty-four states have made applica-

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tion for a convention for the sole purpose of writing an amendment requiring

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a balanced federal budget; and

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WHEREAS, lacking statutory guidelines for a federal constitutional

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convention, it is uncertain whether a convention can be limited to a single

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subject; and

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WHEREAS, without appropriate legislation, the method for apportionment

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of delegates to a constitutional convention is unclear;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature hereby makes applica-

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tion to the United States Congress for a federal constitutional convention

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for the sole purpose of establishing the rules for future constitutional

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conventions; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that this federal constitutional convention shall be

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apportioned by equal representation among the several states.

1 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
2 Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the
3 Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of Representa-
4 tives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski,
5 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
6 the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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