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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE ALASKA
STATEHOOD COMMISSION

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Making application and requesting that
6 the Congress of the United States call a
7 convention for the sole and exclusive
8 purpose of proposing an amendment to the
9 Constitution of the United States set-
10 ting rules and procedures for constitu-
11 tional conventions.

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

13 WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States,
14 amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by Congress or, on the
15 application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states, Congress shall
16 call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments;
17 and

18 WHEREAS no federal constitutional convention has been called since the
19 original convention in 1787; and

20 WHEREAS there exist no rules for the calling of such a convention,
21 apportionment of delegates among the several states at such a convention,
22 or procedures at the convention; and

23 WHEREAS the Congress has failed to enact laws governing conventions or
24 to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States governing
25 conventions; and

26 WHEREAS thirty-one states have issued a call for a convention under
27 Article V limited to consideration of a constitutional amendment requiring
28 a balanced federal budget;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that this body makes

1 application and requests that the Congress of the United States call a
2 convention for the sole and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to
3 the Constitution of the United States which would prescribe rules, proce-
4 dures and apportionment at any future convention; and be it

5 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that if Congress proposes any form of apportionment
6 of delegates to the convention other than an equal number of votes for each
7 state this application shall no longer be of any force or effect; and be it

8 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that this application and request shall no longer be
9 of any force or effect if the convention is not limited to the exclusive
10 purpose specified by this resolution.

11 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Secretary of the United
12 States Senate; the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives; to
13 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators,
14 and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
15 delegation in Congress.