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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE ALASKA  
STATEHOOD COMMISSION

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

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.