

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION V

May 23, 2013, Introduced by Senators GREEN, JONES, COLBECK, PAPPAGEORGE, PROOS, ROBERTSON, MARLEAU, BOOHER and JANSEN and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution to petition the congress of the United States to call a convention to propose amendments to the constitution of the United States to require a balanced federal budget.

ARTICLE V

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That pursuant to article V of the constitution of the United States, the legislature of the state of Michigan petitions the congress of the United States of America, at its session, to call a convention of the states limited to proposing an

1 amendment to the constitution of the United States requiring that
2 in the absence of a national emergency the total of all federal
3 appropriations made by the congress for any fiscal year may not
4 exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal
5 year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints.

6 Resolved further, That this application is to be considered as
7 covering the balanced budget amendment language of the presently
8 outstanding balanced budget applications from other states,
9 including, but not limited to, previously-adopted applications from
10 Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Iowa,
11 Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New
12 Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Texas; and this
13 application shall be aggregated with those applications for the
14 purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require
15 the calling of a convention for proposing a balanced budget
16 amendment, but shall not be aggregated with any applications on any
17 other subject.

18 Resolved further, That this application constitutes a
19 continuing application in accordance with article V of the
20 constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at
21 least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on
22 the same subject. It supersedes all previous applications by this
23 legislature on the same subject.

24 Resolved further, That certified copies of this joint
25 resolution be transmitted by the secretary of state to the
26 president of the United States Senate, to the speaker of the United
27 States House of Representatives, and to each member of this state's

- 1 delegation to the congress and that printed copies be sent to each
- 2 house of each state legislature in the United States.