

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CC

January 15, 2014, Introduced by Rep. Franz and referred to the Committee on Financial Liability Reform.

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 amendment to the constitution of the United States requiring that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all federal appropriations made by the congress for any fiscal year may not

1 exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal
2 year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints.

3 Resolved further, That the legislature shall provide by law
4 for the appointment of appointees to this convention of the states
5 which appointees shall participate in drafting rules, bylaws, and
6 procedural agreements that shall be used to govern the convention
7 of the states, in addition to other duties prescribed by law.

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

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

26 Resolved further, That certified copies of this joint
27 resolution be transmitted by the secretary of state to the

1 president of the United States Senate, to the speaker of the United
2 States House of Representatives, and to each member of this state's
3 delegation to the congress and that printed copies be sent to each
4 house of each state legislature in the United States.