

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **U.S. Constitution – Article V Amendments Convention – State Approval of**  
3 **Federal Debt Increases**

4 FOR the purpose of applying to the U.S. Congress for an amendments convention  
5 called under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, on the application of the  
6 legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, to propose an amendment to the  
7 U.S. Constitution requiring approval from a majority of the legislatures of the  
8 separate states to increase the federal debt; and generally relating to an  
9 application to Congress for a convention to propose an amendment to the U.S.  
10 Constitution.

11 WHEREAS, Article V of the U.S. Constitution provides authority for a  
12 convention to be called by the U.S. Congress for the purpose of proposing amendments  
13 to the U.S. Constitution upon application of two-thirds of the legislatures of the  
14 several states; and

15 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland favors the proposal and  
16 ratification of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution providing that an increase in  
17 the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate  
18 states; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That, as  
20 provided for in Article V of the U.S. Constitution, the General Assembly of Maryland  
21 respectfully applies to the U.S. Congress for an amendments convention to be called  
22 for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the U.S. Constitution providing that an  
23 increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the  
24 separate states; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the amendments convention contemplated by this  
26 application shall be entirely focused on and exclusively limited to the subject matter of  
27 proposing for ratification an amendment to the U.S. Constitution providing that an



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1 increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the  
2 separate states; and be it further

3           RESOLVED, That this application constitutes a continuing application in  
4 accordance with Article V of the U.S. Constitution until at least two-thirds of the  
5 legislatures of the several states have made application for an equivalently limited  
6 amendments convention; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution under the Great Seal of the State of  
8 Maryland be sent by the Secretary of State to:

9                   (1) the President of the United States Senate and the Speaker of the  
10 United States House of Representatives; and

11                   (2) all members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation; and be it  
12 further

13           RESOLVED, That, under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, the Secretary  
14 of State is directed to send copies of this Joint Resolution to the presiding officers of  
15 both Houses of the legislature of each of the several states, with the request that it be  
16 circulated among leaders in the legislative branch of the state governments; and with  
17 the further request that each of the states join in requesting the U.S. Congress to call  
18 a constitutional convention for the purpose of initiating a proposal to amend the U.S.  
19 Constitution as described in this Joint Resolution.