

State of South Dakota

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Introduced by: Senators Lederman, Holien, Kirkeby, Maher, Olson (Russell), Omdahl, Rampelberg, Rave, and Rhoden and Representatives Wick, Bolin, Gosch, Magstadt, Miller, Schrempp, Steele, Stevens, and Tyler

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Making a formal application to Congress to call a limited
2 constitutional convention for the sole purpose of proposing for ratification an amendment
3 to the Constitution providing that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a
4 majority of the legislatures of the separate states.

5 WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides authority for a
6 Convention to be called by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of proposing
7 amendments to the Constitution upon application of two-thirds of the legislatures of the several
8 states; and

9 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of South Dakota favors the proposal and ratification
10 of an amendment to said Constitution which shall provide that an increase in the federal debt
11 requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate States:

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-Eighth Legislature
13 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that, as provided
14 for in Article V of the Constitution of the United States, the Legislature of the State of South



1 Dakota herewith respectfully applies for an amendments convention to be called for the purpose
2 of proposing an amendment which shall provide that an increase in the federal debt requires
3 approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate States; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amendments convention contemplated by this
5 application shall be entirely focused upon and exclusively limited to the subject matter of
6 proposing for ratification an amendment to the Constitution providing that an increase in the
7 federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate States; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this application constitutes a continuing application
9 in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at least two-thirds of
10 the legislatures of the several states have made application for an equivalently limited
11 amendments convention; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this application be dispatched by
13 the secretary of state, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United
14 States House of Representatives, to each member of the applicant's delegation to the United
15 States Congress, and to the presiding officers of each house of the several state legislatures,
16 requesting their cooperation in applying for the amendments convention limited to the subject
17 matter contemplated by this application.