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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 36

Sponsors: Senators Sanderson, Hise, Tucker (Primary Sponsors); and Krawiec.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

February 8, 2017

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION
2 OF THE STATES WITH THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE
3 UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

4 Whereas, the Founders of the Constitution of the United States empowered State
5 Legislators to be guardians against actual or potential abuses of power by the federal government;
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7 Whereas, the federal government has increasingly usurped legitimate roles of the
8 States; and

9 Whereas, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through
10 unsustainable budgeting and spending; and

11 Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the States to protect freedom and opportunity for our
12 citizens, including the generations to come; and

13 Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States authorizes a process to
14 propose amendments to the United States Constitution through a Convention of the States to place
15 clear restraints on these and related abuses of power; Now, therefore,
16 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

17 **SECTION 1.** The Legislature of the State of North Carolina hereby applies to
18 Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling
19 of a Convention of the States limited to proposing amendments to the United States Constitution
20 that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the
21 federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

22 **SECTION 2.** This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with
23 Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the
24 several States have made applications on the same subject. This application expires on December
25 31, 2026.

26 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit copies of this application to the
27 President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of
28 the United States House of Representatives, the members of North Carolina's congressional
29 delegation, and the presiding officers of all state legislatures in the several States requesting their
30 cooperation.

31 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.

