



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-2023

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H.P. 1058

House of Representatives, April 13, 2023

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**JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING APPLICATION TO THE  
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES CALLING A  
CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES  
CONSTITUTION TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE  
UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL  
RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, LIMIT THE  
POWER AND JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT AND LIMIT THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ITS  
OFFICIALS AND FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales.  
Cosponsored by Representative ADAMS of Lebanon, Senator HARRINGTON of York and  
Representatives: DUCHARME of Madison, FOSTER of Dexter, HAGGAN of Hampden,  
NESS of Fryeburg, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, THORNE of Carmel, UNDERWOOD of  
Presque Isle, Senator: BLACK of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE  
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**WHEREAS**, the United States Constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the Federal Government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government has ceased to operate under a proper interpretation of the United States Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of the American people, particularly for the generations to come, by proposing amendments to the United States Constitution for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Legislature of Maine respectfully applies to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the Federal Government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the Federal Government and limit the terms of office for Federal Government officials and members of Congress; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That this application by this body constitutes a continuing application in accordance with the United States Constitution, Article V until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have made similar application pursuant to Article V but, if Congress proposes an amendment to the United States Constitution imposing fiscal restraints on the Federal Government, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the Federal Government or limiting the terms of office for Federal Government officials and members of Congress, this application for a constitutional convention is no longer of any force or effect for that subject matter; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That this application is void, rescinded and of no effect in the event that such a convention is not limited to such specific and exclusive purposes; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That this body proposes that the legislatures of each of the several states comprising the United States apply to the Congress requesting the enactment of appropriate amendments to the United States Constitution or requiring the Congress to call a convention for proposing such amendments to the United States Constitution; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate and presiding officers of both houses of the legislatures of each of the several states in the nation, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.