

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 1002

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution rescinding certain prior  
8 requests to Congress for an Article V Constitutional  
9 Convention.

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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma, acting with  
12 the best of intentions, has, at various times, and during  
13 various sessions, previously made applications to the Congress of  
14 the United States of America to call one or more conventions to  
15 propose either one or more amendments regarding one or more specific  
16 subjects or purposes, or to call a general convention to propose an  
17 unspecified and unlimited number of amendments to the United States  
18 Constitution, pursuant to the provisions of Article V thereof; and

19 WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence proclaims that "it is  
20 the Right of the People to alter or to abolish" their form of  
21 government whenever it fails to secure their rights, which implies  
22 that a convention of representatives of the sovereign people in an  
23 Article V "convention for proposing amendments" would have the  
24 inherent power to propose sweeping changes to the Constitution (also

1 known as a "runaway" convention), any limitations or restrictions  
2 purportedly imposed by the states in applying for such a convention  
3 or conventions to the contrary notwithstanding, thereby creating an  
4 imminent peril to the well-established rights of the citizens and  
5 the duties of various levels of government as defined by our present  
6 Constitution; and

7 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America has  
8 been amended many times in the history of this nation and may be  
9 amended many more times, without the need to resort to an Article V  
10 constitutional convention, and has been interpreted for more than  
11 two hundred years and has been found to be a sound document which  
12 protects the lives and liberties of the citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, there is no need for, rather, there is great danger in,  
14 subjecting our form of government, which is based on the  
15 Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, to sweeping  
16 changes that would undermine its philosophical foundation of  
17 instituting government based on the principle of securing God-given  
18 rights; and

19 WHEREAS, the best solution for reining in the federal government  
20 is an informed electorate which will hold public officials  
21 accountable to our existing Constitution with its principles of  
22 limited government, rather than risking a runaway Article V  
23 convention.

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1       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4       THAT the Legislature does hereby rescind, repeal, cancel,  
5 nullify, and supersede to the same effect as if they had never been  
6 passed, any and all extant applications by the Legislature of the  
7 State of Oklahoma to the Congress of the United States of America to  
8 call a convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the  
9 United States of America, pursuant to the terms of Article V  
10 thereof, regardless of when or by which session or sessions of the  
11 Oklahoma Legislature such applications were made and regardless of  
12 whether such applications were for a limited convention to  
13 propose one or more amendments regarding one or more specific  
14 subjects or purposes or for a general convention to propose an  
15 unlimited number of amendments upon an unlimited number of subjects.

16       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges the legislatures of each and  
17 every state which has applied to Congress to call a convention for  
18 either a general or a limited constitutional convention, to repeal,  
19 and withdraw such applications.

20       THAT copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary  
21 of State, to the presiding officers of both houses of the  
22 legislatures of each state in the Union, to the President of the  
23 United States Senate, to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States  
24 House of Representatives, to the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee

1 of the United States House of Representatives, and to the members of  
2 Congress of the United States representing the State and people of  
3 Oklahoma.

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