

HOUSE No. 3213

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradford Hill

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

Resolutions calling on Article V of the United States Constitution for the convening of a convention of the states.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Hill of Ipswich, a petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 3213) of Bradford Hill and others for the adoption of resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to convene a Constitutional Convention. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1929 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

Resolutions calling on Article V of the United States Constitution for the convening of a convention of the states.

1 WHEREAS, Executive Orders by the President of the United States have become a
2 vehicle through which the President may overstep the limits of his constitutional authority; and

3 WHEREAS, the concentration of power at the federal level has had the effect of making
4 federal officials less responsive to the will of the people and more readily influenced by
5 lobbyists, wealthy corporations, and special interests in Washington, D.C.; and

6 WHEREAS, much of federal law is now enacted by federal bureaucrats who were never
7 chosen by the people and have no accountability to the people whatsoever; and

8 WHEREAS, policy decisions made at the state level tend to be more responsive to the
9 needs and desires of the people; and

10 WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through
11 improper and imprudent spending; and

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

14 WHEREAS, the States have the ability to restore the responsiveness of government to the
15 people and to restrain abuses of federal power by proposing Amendments to the Constitution of
16 the United States through a limited Convention of States under Article V; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, that the legislature of the State of Massachusetts hereby applies to
18 Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the
19 calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the
20 United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and
21 jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for
22 members of Congress; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State is hereby directed to transmit copies of this
24 application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to the Speaker and
25 Clerk of the United States House of Representatives from this State; also to transmit copies
26 hereof to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several States, requesting
27 their cooperation; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, that this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with
29 Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of
30 the several states have made applications on the same subject.