

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*[Primary Sponsor]*

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*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.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Paul Grigsby*

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A petition (accompanied by resolutions) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul Grigsby for legislation to call on Article V of the United States Constitution for the convening of a Convention of the States.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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Resolutions calling on Article V of the United States Constitution for the convening of a Convention of the States.

1           WHEREAS, the Founders of our Constitution empowered State Legislators to be  
2 guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government, and

3           WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through  
4 improper and imprudent spending, and

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

7           WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of  
8 the Constitution of the United States, and

9           WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the States to protect the liberty of our people,  
10 particularly for the generations to come, by proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the  
11 United States through a Convention of the States under Article V for the purpose of restraining  
12 these and related abuses of power; therefore be it

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

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

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