

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

None

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:

Paul Grigsby

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

SENATE No.

A petition (accompanied by resolutions) of Paul Grigsby for the adoption of resolutions calling on Article V of the United States Constitution for the convening of a Convention of the States.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

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.