

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 321

Short Title: Convention of States. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Jones, Millis, Riddell, and Pendleton (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.

Referred to: Judiciary I, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

March 24, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE
3 STATES WITH THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED
4 STATES CONSTITUTION.

5 Whereas, the Founders of the Constitution of the United States empowered State
6 Legislators to be guardians against actual or potential abuses of power by the federal
7 government; and

8 Whereas, the federal government has increasingly usurped legitimate roles of the
9 States; and

10 Whereas, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through
11 unsustainable budgeting and spending; and

12 Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the States to protect freedom and opportunity for
13 our citizens, including the generations to come; and

14 Whereas, Article V of the United States Constitution authorizes a process to propose
15 amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a Convention of the States to
16 place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power; Now, therefore,
17 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

18 **SECTION 1.** The North Carolina General Assembly hereby applies to Congress,
19 under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a
20 convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United
21 States that (i) impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, (ii) limit the power and
22 jurisdiction of the federal government, and (iii) limit the terms of office for its officials and for
23 members of Congress.

24 **SECTION 2.** The application set forth in Section 1 of this act constitutes a
25 continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States
26 until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made identical or
27 substantially similar applications as the one set forth in Section 1 of this act.

28 **SECTION 3.** The application set forth in Section 1 of this act expires September
29 30, 2015, if the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have not made identical or
30 substantially similar applications as the one set forth in Section 1 by that date.

31 **SECTION 4.** The Secretary of State shall transmit copies of this act to (i) the
32 President and Secretary of the United States Senate; (ii) the Speaker and Clerk of the United
33 States House of Representatives; (iii) each member of the North Carolina delegation to the
34 United States Senate and United States House of Representatives; and (iv) the presiding



1 officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states, requesting their cooperation with
2 the purposes of this act.

3 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.