

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 254

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A RESOLUTION rescinding, repealing, canceling, voiding, nullifying, and superseding Senate Joint Resolution No. 67, a prior application by the general assembly heretofore made during the 2016 Regular Session thereof to the Congress of the United States of America to call a convention pursuant to the terms of Article V of the United States Constitution for proposing one or more amendments to that Constitution and urging the legislatures of other states to do the same.

WHEREAS, the general assembly of the State of Tennessee, acting with the best of intentions, has, at various times and during various sessions, previously made applications to the Congress of the United States of America to call one or more conventions to propose either a single amendment concerning a specific subject or to call a general convention to propose an unspecified and unlimited number of amendments to the United States Constitution, pursuant to the provisions of Article V thereof; and

WHEREAS, the general assembly during its 2010 Regular Session passed House Joint Resolution No. 30, which rescinded all prior applications by the general assembly to the Congress of the United States of America calling for a convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America, pursuant to the terms of Article V, and which specifically repealed three resolutions passed during the 1977 Regular Session of the general assembly which proposed amendments to the Constitution concerning terms of judges in the federal judiciary, federal appropriations and federal revenues, and the power of the President to veto any particular item or items of any appropriations bill; and

WHEREAS, the general assembly during its 2016 Regular Session passed Senate Joint Resolution No. 67, applying to Congress for a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal

government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the Tennessee general assembly does hereby rescind, repeal, cancel, void, nullify, and supersede, to the same effect as if it had never been passed, Senate Joint Resolution No. 67, an application by the general assembly to the Congress of the United States of America to call a convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America, pursuant to the terms of Article V thereof, passed during the 2016 Regular Session of the general assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the presiding officers of the legislative houses in the several states, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Tennessee Congressional delegation, and the federal Administrator of General Services.