

We Balance Our Budget — So Should Congress!



The U.S. Constitution's Article V provision allows the states to go around **CONGRESS** and **THE PRESIDENT** to propose a **Balanced Budget Amendment!**

33 states have a Balanced Budget requirement in their constitution, the federal government does not. Although many attempts have been made to do so by Congress, big spending Democrats AND Republicans have blocked these efforts over the last three decades.

The National Federation of Independent Business is backing action in state legislatures to call a Convention of the States to propose a Balanced Budget Amendment to the United States Constitution so we can finally get a handle on our \$18 TRILLION DEBT before it's too late. Our campaign is part of a nationwide grassroots effort to do what the politicians in Washington, D.C. refuse to do—get our nation's fiscal house in order.

- ◆ **Article V of the U.S. Constitution** provides for two equally valid ways to propose constitutional amendments, one is by way of the Congress and the other through a **Convention of the States**. Article V requires two-thirds (34) state legislatures to adopt similar Balanced Budget Amendment resolutions to call the convention. *Did you know that 24 states have already passed Balanced Budget Amendment resolutions?*
- ◆ Once Congress receives petitions from 34 states, **CONGRESS MUST** call for the convention—they have no say in the matter! **Get the facts** on how a Convention of the States would work at www.bba4usa.org.
- ◆ In the past, Congress has acted to preempt convention efforts by referring its own constitutional amendment when only a few more states were needed to call a convention. Whether our Article V effort for a **Balanced Budget Amendment** motivates Congress to act or it succeeds on its own, small business owners, taxpayers and all Americans will be the winners!
- ◆ Since the executive (the president) has no formal constitutional role in the amendment process, the **Balanced Budget Amendment** resolution does not go to the White House for a signature or approval, but directly to the states for ratification by three-fourths (38) of the states before it becomes the law of the land.
- ◆ **Sign our petition today** and put this critical issue at the top of the agenda at our State Capitol!

Help rein in out-of-control federal spending! Sign the petition to support a Balanced Budget Amendment through the Article V process!



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**To the State Legislature:
We urge you to support a Balanced Budget Amendment through the Article V process today!**