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**2010 STATE BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS**

*As of July 21, 2010*

*Summary: At least 22 bills or resolutions were introduced in 12 states in 2010.*

*(Bill summaries by State Net)*

**COLORADO**

H.J.R. 1031

Status: May 4, 2010; From House Committee on State, Veterans & Military Affairs: Postponed indefinitely. Concerns a request that Congress call a convention for the limited purpose of considering an amendment to the United States constitution to require a balanced federal budget.

**FLORIDA**

H.B. 1525

Status: April 21, 2010; In House. Laid on table, refer to CS/SB 2742.

Relates to nonbinding statewide advisory referendum; proposes nonbinding statewide advisory referendum; requires that question regarding balanced federal budget be printed on ballot and submitted to voters in 2010 general election; provides appropriation.

H.B. 1583

Status: April 30, 2010; In Senate. Died in Messages. (Memorial)

Relates to federal budget; urges Congress to balance federal budget and hold itself to same fiscal standards to which it expects its citizens to adhere.

H.B. 8001

Status: April 30, 2010; In House. Died, reference deferred. (Concurrent Resolution)

Relates to balanced federal budget; urges Congress to call convention for purpose of proposing amendment to U.S. constitution to provide for and limit ability of Congress to dictate to States requirements for expenditure of federal funds.

S.B. 10

Status: April 21, 2010; In House. Read third time. Passed House.

Relates to balanced federal budget; urges Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States to provide for a balanced federal budget and limit the ability of Congress to dictate to States requirements for the expenditure of federal funds.

S.B. 1280

Status: March 18, 2010; Withdrawn from further consideration. (Memorial)

Relates to balanced budget amendment to the U.S. constitution; urges the Congress of the United States to submit to the States for ratification a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution.

## **FLORIDA (cont.)**

S.B. 2742

Status: June 7, 2010; Filed as Chapter No. 213

Relates to nonbinding statewide advisory referendum; requires that a question regarding a balanced federal budget be printed on the ballot and submitted to the voters in the 2010 general election.

## **IDAHO**

H.C.R. 44

Status: March 25, 2010; Passed Senate.

Relates to sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment; states findings of the Legislature and urging the several States of the United States to approve a like or similar resolution and urging Congress to pass legislation implementing the findings of this Resolution, including findings relating to a balanced federal budget.

## **IOWA**

S.J.R. 3

Status: February 18, 2009; In Senate Committee on State Government.

Requests the Congress of the United States to submit to the States for ratification a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution.

## **LOUISIANA**

H.C.R. 68

Status: June 10, 2010; To Senate Committee on Finance.

Applies to congress to call a convention pursuant to Article V of the U.S. Constitution to propose a balanced budget amendment.

## **MISSOURI**

H.C.R. 34

Status: March 30, 2010; From Senate Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions & Ethics: Reported do pass.

Submits to Congress a proposed federal balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution.

H.C.R. 35

Status: January 27, 2010; Combined with HCR 34.

Submits to Congress a proposed federal balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution.

H.C.R. 47

Status: May 14, 2010; To House Special Committee on General Laws.

Urges Congress to pass a federal balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution.

S.C.R. 36

Status: May 12, 2010; Senate concurred in House amendments.

Urges Congress to pass a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution.

S.C.R. 38

Status: January 13, 2010; Introduced.

Rescinds Missouri's 1983 call for a constitutional convention to adopt an amendment requiring a balanced federal budget.

## **MONTANA**

D. 174

Status: July 12, 2010; Draft request received.

Relates to request U.S. Constitutional amendment to mandate a federal balanced budget.

## **NEBRASKA**

L.R. 538

Status: April 13, 2010; Passed Legislature.

Provides the Legislature remains committed to seeking a federal balanced budget.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

S.B. 946

Status: January 12, 2010; To Senate Committee on FINANCE. (Concurrent Resolution)

Requests the state congressional delegation to vote only for balanced federal budgets that provide for meaningful debt reduction, appropriations bills that are consistent with a balanced budget and debt reduction and to repeal the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, end the troubled assets relief fund, and renew and build upon the unfunded mandates reform act of 1995.

## **TENNESSEE**

S.J.R. 716

Status: February 1, 2010; In Senate. Withdrawn from further consideration.

Petitions the Congress of the United States to adopt an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, for submission to the states, to require, with certain exceptions, that the federal budget be balanced; or, in the alternative, to call a convention for the sole and exclusive purpose of proposing such an amendment for submission to the States for ratification.

## **VIRGINIA**

H.J.R. 88

Status: March 8, 2010; Left in committee.

Expresses the General Assembly's support for a balanced budget amendment and urges Congress to submit such an amendment to the states for ratification in order to promote fiscal integrity at the federal level.

H.J.R. 183

Status: February 16, 2010; Left in committee.

Urges the Congress of the United States to call a constitutional convention for the purposes of amending the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced federal budget, line item veto authority to the President, and prohibition of unfunded mandates to the various states.

## **WYOMING**

H.J.R. 3

Status: February 11, 2010; Withdrawn from further consideration.

Requests appropriate action by Congress proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution requiring a balanced budget except in times of war or declared national emergency.