

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION calling on the United States Congress to submit
2 to the states for ratification a balanced budget amendment to the United States
3 Constitution and making a formal application to Congress under Article V of the United
4 States Constitution to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing for ratification
5 an amendment to the United States Constitution which requires a balanced federal
6 budget.

7 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has run up a debt so massive that it has
8 endangered the U.S. Government, the U.S. economy, U.S. national defense, and all fifty
9 States; and

10 WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States mandates that upon
11 the "Application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several States," Congress shall
12 "call a Convention for proposing Amendments"; and

13 WHEREAS, historically, when the States have come within one application of the
14 two-thirds (thirty-four) necessary to call a convention to propose a specific amendment,
15 Congress has acted to propose said amendment in order to prevent a convention from
16 being called; and

17 WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan advocated the use of this "thirty-three state
18 strategy" to pressure Congress to propose a Balanced Budget Amendment for ratification
19 by the States; and

20 WHEREAS, the legislature deems an amendment to the United States Constitution
21 requiring a balanced federal budget is necessary for the good of the American people;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

23 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the
24 Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:***

25 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky General Assembly applies to Congress, under the
26 provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a
27 convention of the states limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the

1 United States requiring that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all federal
2 outlays made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated
3 federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal
4 restraints.

5 ➔Section 2. The clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit
6 copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States; the Secretary of the United
7 States Senate; the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives; the
8 members of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives
9 from this Commonwealth; and

10 The presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states,
11 requesting their cooperation in this endeavor.

12 ➔Section 3. This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance
13 with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least
14 two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject. It supersedes
15 all previous applications by this legislature on the same subject.