

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 1206  
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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE TO STUDY  
2 THE ISSUE OF FEDERALISM AND ABUSES OF FEDERAL AUTHORITY,  
3 INCLUDING WHETHER NORTH CAROLINA SHOULD APPLY TO CONGRESS FOR  
4 A CONVENTION OF THE STATES UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION  
5 OF THE UNITED STATES.

6 Whereas, the authors of the Constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians  
7 of liberty against abuses of power by the federal government; and

8 Whereas, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through  
9 improper and imprudent spending; and

10 Whereas, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states  
11 through the manipulative process of federal mandates, many of which are largely unfunded and  
12 unilaterally enacted by the executive branch; and

13 Whereas, it is the solemn duty of elected officials, including those in state  
14 legislatures to protect the liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come, and to  
15 propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a Convention of the  
16 States under Article V of the Constitution of the United States to place clear restraints on these  
17 and related abuses of power; and

18 Whereas, other states have applied to Congress for a Convention of the States under  
19 Article V of the Constitution of the United States, and additional states have either introduced  
20 or passed similar resolutions in at least one legislative body; Now, therefore,

21 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

22 **SECTION 1.** In accordance with House Rule 26(a), there is established the House  
23 Select Committee on a Convention of the States.

24 **SECTION 2.** The Committee is charged with the following:

25 (1) Determining whether to adopt a resolution applying to Congress under the  
26 provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States calling for a  
27 Convention of the States limited to proposing amendments to the  
28 Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal  
29 government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and  
30 limit the terms of office for its officials and members of Congress.

31 (2) Examining the economic impact on North Carolina citizens, communities,  
32 and businesses of federal executive branch action which suspends,  
33 disregards, or otherwise ignores other federal law.

34 (3) Determining whether enforcement activity premised on federal legislative  
35 authority has been needlessly and unnecessarily expanded beyond the  
36 original intent of such legislation and whether North Carolina may enact  
37 laws that would lessen the burden of such enforcement efforts on its citizens.



- 1           (4)   Examining whether there exist opportunities for the State of North Carolina  
2           to locally administer programs currently directed and managed by the federal  
3           government and whether such opportunities might lead to a more efficient  
4           and cost-effective delivery mechanism that ultimately provides greater  
5           service to our citizens.  
6           (5)   Examining the net contributions of North Carolinians to the federal purse,  
7           compared to the net benefits derived from such contributions, and whether  
8           North Carolina might better position itself to derive greater returns on the  
9           portion of its citizens' dollars that are tendered to the federal government.  
10          (6)   Examining other related issues in the discretion of the Committee.  
11          **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.