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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/22/14

SPONSOR Herrell LAST UPDATED _____ HJR 2

SHORT TITLE Constitutional Convention Application SB _____

ANALYST Armstrong

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16		
NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Secretary of State (SOS)

Attorney General's Office (AGO)

SUMMARY

House Joint Resolution 2 serves as a continuing application for a convention of states, pursuant to Article V of the U.S. Constitution, to propose constitutional amendments that impose fiscal restraints, limit federal power and jurisdiction, and place term-limits on members of Congress. Applications on the same subject by two-thirds of the states would force the called for convention. The joint resolution states that the federal government's debt is crushing and is the result of improper and imprudent spending. HJR 2 also states that the federal government has invaded the role of the states and ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the U.S. Constitution.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact.

ALTERNATIVES

Litigation is an option for any person or state that believes the federal government has acted unconstitutionally.

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