



CONVENTION of STATES ACTION

PROCESS OF AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF STATES

THE PEOPLE LEAD

Citizens ask state legislators to sponsor and support the Convention of States Resolution. (See COS Resolution on reverse side.)

STATE LEGISLATORS ACT

A state legislator sponsors the COS Resolution and files it in his/her state legislature.

The COS Resolution passes out of committee and floor votes in both chambers of the state legislature.

A CONVENTION IS CALLED

When 34 states pass the COS Resolution, the states elect delegates to represent them at the convention.

States send as many delegates as they choose, but each state only gets one vote.

AMENDMENTS ARE PROPOSED

Delegates propose, debate, and vote on amendments limited to the language of the COS Resolution. Proposed amendments outside of that agenda would be out of order.

Proposed amendments passed by a majority of state delegates are sent to the states for ratification.

AMENDMENTS ARE RATIFIED

Proposed amendments only become valid if ratified by 38 states.

It only takes 13 states to stop a bad amendment from being ratified.

THE CONSTITUTION IS AMENDED



We the People of the United States in order to form a more perfect Union, insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Article 1
Section 1
All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.
Section 2
The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.
Section 3
The Senate shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Electors in each State, for six Years; and each Senator shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.
Section 4
The Times, Places and Manner of holding the Elections of Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State, but not so as to alter the Times, Places or Manner of holding one of those Elections once in every third Year.
Section 5
The House of Representatives shall choose their Speaker and other Officers; and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.
Section 6
The Senators and Representatives shall receive a Compensation for their Services, which shall not be diminished during their Continuance in Office.
Section 7
The Congress shall assemble every second Year on the first Monday in December, but they may by Law alter the Time of meeting in any one of those Years.
Section 8
The Congress shall have the following Powers:
To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Taxes shall be uniform across the several States.
To borrow Money on the credit of the United States.
To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.
To issue Patents and Copyrights for limited Times to promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts.
To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to the Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries.
To constitute Tribunals inferior to the supreme Court.
To define and punish the Offences against the Law of Nations.
To define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas, and Offences against the Law of Nations.
To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and to make Rules concerning Captives on Land and on Sea.
To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money for that Purpose shall be for a longer Term than two Years; provided that no Appropriation of Money shall be made for the Support of the Army beyond the next ordinary Session of Congress.
To provide and organize a Militia, to see that they are properly equipped and trained, and to govern the Militia when called into actual Service, but the Congress shall never interfere with the State Militia in their local capacity, when they are not in the actual Service of the United States.
To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, to suppress Insurrections and to repel Invasions.
To provide for organizing, arming and disciplining the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, provided that the Militia shall be well regulated according to the Laws of the States.
To exercise exclusive Legislation over all Districts ceded to the United States, and over such Places as may be purchased by the United States.
To exercise exclusive Legislation respecting the District of Columbia.
To exercise the Power of Federal Veto over the Laws passed by the States.
To propose Amendments to the Constitution, which shall be valid when ratified by three fourths of the whole Number of States, or by two thirds of the whole Number of States, and two thirds of the Members present in each State, at a Convention, provided that no State shall have less than one Vote.
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CONVENTION OF STATES RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Founders of our Constitution empowered State Legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government, and

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

Whereas, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent, and

Whereas, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States, and

Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the States to protect the liberty of our people—particularly for the generations to come—by proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of states under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power,

Be it therefore resolved by the legislature of the State of _____:

Section 1. The legislature of the State of ____ hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, **for the calling of a Convention of States limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.**

Section 2. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and copies to the members of the said Senate and House of Representatives from this State; also to transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several States, requesting their cooperation.

Section 3. This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject.

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