

## Article V Convention Applications (as of January 4, 2025)

Source: <https://clerk.house.gov/SelectedMemorial>

#	State	Date Passed	Expiration	Notes
1	Georgia	March 6, 2014	None	No Rescission
2	Alaska	April 19, 2014	None	No Rescission
3	Florida	April 21, 2014	None	No Rescission
4	Alabama	May 22, 2015	None	No Rescission
5	Tennessee	February 4, 2016	None	No Rescission
6	Indiana	February 29, 2016	None	No Rescission
7	Oklahoma	April 25, 2016	December 31, 2023	No Rescission
	Oklahoma	April 21, 2021	None	Replaced version in 2016
8	Louisiana	May 25, 2016	None	No Rescission
9	Arizona	March 13, 2017	None	No Rescission
10	North Dakota	March 24, 2017	None	No Rescission.
11	Texas	May 4, 2017	None	Set to rescind in year 2025
	Texas	May 3, 2017	Places 8 years life-span for any Texas Article V Resolution	
12	Missouri	May 12, 2017	5 years after passage (year 2022)	Rescinded by 2021 Application'
	Missouri	May 25, 2021	None	Article V Library (replaces 2017 application)
13	Arkansas	February 14, 2019	None	Article V Library
14	Utah	March 5, 2019	None	No Rescission
15	Mississippi	March 27, 2019	None	Article V Library
16	Wisconsin	January 27, 2022	None	No Rescission
17	Nebraska	February 11, 2022	February 1, 2027	No Rescission
18	West Virginia	March 4, 2022	None	No Rescission
19	South Carolina	March 29, 2022	None	No Rescission

Note 1. There are 19 states with Article V Convention Resolutions according to the Convention of States Action (COSA). However, three of them are not on file with the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives. Thus, the official count is unclear.

Note 2. Section 3(n) of U.S. House Resolution 5 of the 117th Congress directs the Clerk to post Memorials that are determined by the Chair of the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary as being a Memorial in accordance with Article V of the U.S. Constitution. Inquiries regarding whether a Memorial is active and valid should be referred to the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary.

Reference: <https://www.congress.gov/118/bills/hres5/BILLS-118hres5eh.pdf>  
(see pages 25-26)

Note 3. Texas and Nebraska have expiration dates and need to be re-introduced

# Article V Convention Applications (Notes & Insights)

(As of January 5, 2025)

Introduction. Currently, there are 19 Article V Convention state applications related to the following three-part platform language.

- Impose fiscal restraints on the federal government
- Limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government
- Limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress

The Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives provides the Article V Convention applications for public review. Not every application is exactly same in composition and substance. Below are some general highlights from all 19 applications followed by notes and insights from each of the individual 19 applications.

## General Highlights.

- Term Limits for Members of Congress
  - 2 states (Alaska, Alabama) missing term within application
  - 1 state (Arizona) will not allow its delegates to support term limits under 12 years
  - 1 state (Mississippi) will not support term limits of any kind; 2-part platform only
- 7 states provide general instructions for delegates
- 5 states mention general limitations and powers of Congress related to Article V Convention
- 5 states include “by definition, a Convention of the States means one-state, one-vote”
- 4 states explain application is not valid to make changes to the “Bill of Rights”
- 4 states recommend Congress determine the mode of ratification by state legislatures
- 1 state recommends Congress determine mode of ratification (either by state legislature or state convention) prior to convention

## Individual State Applications (notes and insights).

1. Georgia
  - a. Can potentially be aggregated with single subject applications
2. Alaska
  - a. Missing “Term limits for Members of Congress” within the language of the 3-part platform. Does this mean that delegates from Alaska cannot consider term limits for members of Congress?
3. Florida
  - a. 3-part platform may be counted as individual single subject issues; aggregated with other single subject Article V Convention applications.
4. Alabama
  - a. Missing “Term limits for Members of Congress” within language of 3-part platform. Does this mean delegates from Alabama cannot consider term limits for members of Congress?

- b. Mentions a general rule for delegates to be limited to the subject matter of the actual application.
- 5. Tennessee (standard, straight-forward application)
- 6. Indiana (standard, straight-forward application)
- 7. Oklahoma
  - a. 2016 Article V Convention Resolution has 2 applications summarized in one document. 1<sup>st</sup> Application is for a Balanced Budget Amendment (BBA) as a single issue convention. 2<sup>nd</sup> Application contains the standard 3-part platform supported by the Convention of States Action (COSA); identifies previous 6 states who passed similar application. Sets both applications to expire December 31, 2023.
  - b. 2021 Article V Convention Resolution has 2 applications summarized in one document. Title of overall Resolution is called “United States Senator, Dr. Tom Coburn Resolution of 2021.” 1<sup>st</sup> Application is for a BBA as a single issue convention. 2<sup>nd</sup> Application contains 3-part platform supported by COSA. No expiration date in this version.
- 8. Louisiana
  - a. 3-part platform worded slightly different; remains consistent though
- 9. Arizona
  - a. Mentions general instructions for delegates
  - b. Special instruction for delegates: Do not support Congressional Term Limits fewer than 12 years.
- 10. North Dakota
  - a. Mentions general limitations and powers of Congress related to Article V Convention; conditions of understanding by North Dakota
  - b. Includes “by definition, a Convention of the States means one-state, one-vote”
  - c. Application is not valid to make changes to the “Bill of Rights”
  - d. Recommend Congress determine the mode of ratification by state legislatures
  - e. May provide further instructions to selected state delegates
- 11. Texas
  - a. First Resolution (85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature). Actual 2017 Article V Convention application repeats the same exact 3-part platform 4 distinct times (ensure no confusion). No expiration date.
  - b. Second Resolution (85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature). Rescinds all Article V application prior to 85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature. Set automatic 8 year expiration date for Article V applications after enacted; applies to First Resolution with an expiration date in year 2025.
- 12. Missouri
  - a. Article V Convention Resolution passed in year 2017 (no longer active / valid)
    - i. Mentions general limitations and powers of Congress related to Article V Convention; conditions of understanding by Missouri
    - ii. Includes “by definition, a Convention of the States means one-state, one-vote”
    - iii. General Instructions for delegates

- iv. Recommends Congress determine mode of ratification (either by state legislature or state convention) prior to convention
  - b. Article V Convention Resolution passed in year 2021 (active and valid)
    - i. Rescinds 2017 resolution
    - ii. All the same conditions as the 2017 resolution without an expiration date
- 13. Arkansas
  - a. Mentions general limitations and powers of Congress related to Article V Convention; conditions of understanding by Arkansas
  - b. Includes “by definition, a Convention of the States means one-state, one-vote”
  - c. Application is not valid to make changes to the “Bill of Rights”
  - d. Recommend Congress determine the mode of ratification by state legislatures
  - e. General delegate instructions
- 14. Utah (standard, straight-forward application)
- 15. Mississippi
  - a. Supports only 2 portions of the 3-part platform. Specifically states “Mississippi delegates are hereby instructed not to support term limits for members of Congress.”
  - b. Explains this application is intended to be aggregated with all previous Article V state applications and future applications
  - c. Mentions general limitations and powers of Congress related to Article V Convention; conditions of understanding by Arkansas
  - d. Includes “by definition, a Convention of the States means one-state, one-vote”
  - e. Application is not valid to make changes to the “Bill of Rights”
  - f. Recommend Congress determine the mode of ratification by state legislatures
  - g. General delegate instructions
- 16. Wisconsin
  - a. Defines the phrase “limit the power and jurisdiction”
- 17. Nebraska (standard, straight-forward application)
- 18. West Virginia
  - a. Mentions general limitations and powers of Congress related to Article V Convention; conditions of understanding by West Virginia
  - b. Includes “by definition, a Convention of the States means one-state, one-vote”
  - c. Application is not valid to make changes to the “Bill of Rights”
  - d. Recommend Congress determine the mode of ratification by state legislatures
  - e. General delegate instructions
- 19. South Carolina (standard, straight-forward application)