



## FACT SHEET

### Convention of States Project Overview

Calling a Convention of States is a constitutional right granted to U.S. citizens under Article V of the U.S. Constitution. It is one of two primary ways provided to amend the Constitution. Rather than giving the national legislature sole authority to propose amendments, [Article V hands power to the people](#). It affords them the option to work through their state legislatures to request Congress call an amendments convention.

The Convention of States (COS) Project was launched in December 2013 by Mark Meckler, co-founder of the Tea Party Patriots and president of [Citizens for Self-Governance](#), and Michael Farris, founder of the Home School Legal Defense Association and Patrick Henry College. The COS Project's mission is clear – calling an Article V Convention of States to address three pressing concerns:

- Curbing the federal debt
- Limiting federal government power and jurisdiction
- Imposing term limits on the judiciary, federal bureaucrats and elected officials

The Convention of States Project is a nationwide non-partisan grassroots movement that currently boasts nearly 4 million supporters. To date, the Convention of States Resolution – the first phase of the Article V process – has been passed in 14 states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Missouri, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Utah. Passage in 34 state legislatures is needed for Congress to call an amendments convention. More detailed information on [the resolution process](#) can be found at [www.conventionofstates.com](http://www.conventionofstates.com).

### Leadership

Citizens for Self-Governance founder Mark Meckler currently serves as president of Convention of States Action. He is assisted by key advisors, including former U.S. Senator and family physician Dr. Tom Coburn, former U.S. Senator and Heritage Foundation President Jim DeMint, Convention of States Action Board Chairman Eric O'Keefe, and Article V constitutional scholar Prof. Robert Natelson.

### Timeline

Georgia was the first state to pass the COS Resolution on March 6, 2014. Thirteen other states have followed suit. Active legislation presently exists in seven states, and it is anticipated the COS Project will file legislation in more than 20 additional states this year.

State	Date Passed	State	Date Passed
Georgia	March 6, 2014	Louisiana	May 25, 2016
Alaska	April 19, 2014	Arizona	March 13, 2017
Florida	April 21, 2014	North Dakota	March 24, 2017
Alabama	May 22, 2015	Texas	May 4, 2017
Tennessee	Feb. 4, 2016	Missouri	May 12, 2017
Indiana	Feb. 29, 2016	Arkansas	Feb. 13, 2019
Oklahoma	April 25, 2016	Utah	March 5, 2019