

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why Do We Want to Call a Convention of States?

The federal government is spending this country into the ground, seizing power from the states, and taking liberty from the people.

What is a Convention of States?

A convention of states is a meeting initiated by the state legislatures under Article V of the Constitution for the purpose of proposing amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

How Do the State Legislatures Call a Convention of States?

Thirty-four state legislatures must pass a resolution applying for a convention of states dealing with the same subject matter.

How Realistic is Calling a Convention of States?

Over 4.5 million supporters have called for a Convention of States. Thirty states have passed our resolution through at least one



committee, and twenty-three states have passed the resolution through one chamber.

Can Congress Block a Convention of States?

No. Once 34 states apply for a convention to propose amendments on the same issue, Article V requires Congress to name the place and the time for the convention.

Article V says Congress "Calls" the Convention.

Does This Mean it Controls the Convention and Chooses the Delegates?

No. Once 34 states apply, Congress has no discretion whether to call a convention and no control over the delegates.

How Do States Choose Their Delegates?

States are free to develop their own selection processes for choosing their delegates.

What Happens at a Convention of States?

Delegates discuss and propose amendment proposals that fit the topic framed by the 34 state resolutions that triggered the convention. Each state gets one vote.

How are Proposed Amendments Ratified?

Thirty-eight states must ratify any proposed amendments sent back to the states by the convention.

How Do We Know How a Convention of States Will Work?

Interstate conventions were common during the founding era, and the basic procedures and rules for such conventions were uniform.

Is a Convention of States Safe?

Yes. The topic of amendments is limited by the states' applications. All other topics are out of order for the convention. In addition, the ratification process ensures no amendment will be passed that does not reflect the desires of the American people.

If Federal Officials Ignore the Current Constitution, Why Would They Adhere to an Amended Constitution?

Federal officials don't "ignore" the Constitution so much as "lawyer" around it. For instance, they claim that the power to tax and spend for the "general welfare" gives Congress power to tax and spend for any purpose whatsoever.

Amendments at a Convention of States today will be written with these politicians and judges in mind. There will be no doubt as to their meaning, and no possibility of alternate interpretations.

What is the Plan?

1. Our resolution calls for a convention to propose amendments on particular subjects—limiting federal power, mandating fiscal responsibility, and imposing term limits—rather than a particular amendment.
2. The grassroots army is the key to implementing an Article V convention. With over 4.5 million supporters and signed petitions in 100% of legislative districts across America, our grassroots army is the largest Article V grassroots movement in history.



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