

**A Bill to Establish Criminal Penalties for Certain Acts Related to an
Article V Convention for Proposing Amendments**

SECTION 1. Definitions. As used in this [chapter/law],

A. “Commissioner” means a person selected by resolution of the [legislature/general assembly] to represent this state at an Article V convention for proposing amendments;

B. “Commission” means the resolution or other measure adopted by the [legislature/general assembly] which sets forth the names of the appointed commissioners, the scope of their authority, and other instructions;

C. “Interim Commissioner” means a person selected to fill a vacancy in the delegation.

SECTION 2. Exceeding the Scope of a Commissioner’s Authority.

A. A commissioner or interim commissioner to a convention for proposing amendments held under Article V of the United States Constitution shall not exceed the scope of his or her authority when acting as a commissioner or interim commissioner. A commissioner or interim commissioner exceeds the scope of his or her authority by voting or otherwise acting beyond the authority granted in his or her commission, as altered by any duly-issued subsequent instructions provided before the vote or other action.

B. A commissioner or interim commissioner who exceeds the scope of his or her authority shall be guilty of a level [] felony.

SECTION 3. Interference with a Commissioner’s Duties. Any individual who, while not being privileged by law, knowingly bribes, threatens, intimidates or obstructs a commissioner, interim commissioner, or a person representing another state in the capacity of a commissioner or interim commissioner at a convention held in this state, in the performance of his or her duties, or attempts to do so, commits a level [] felony.