



CONVENTION of STATES ACTION

PROCESS OF AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF STATES

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The People Lead

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

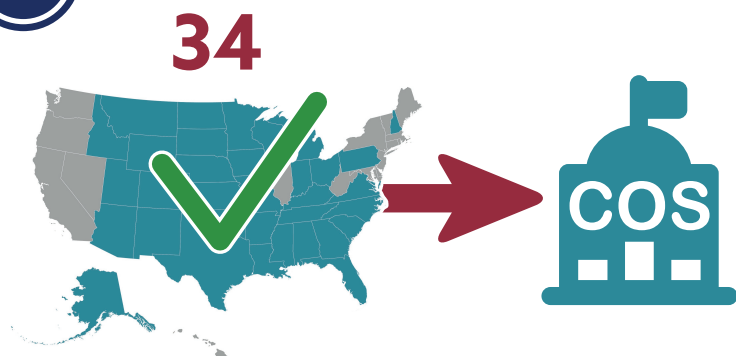
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State Legislators Act

- 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.

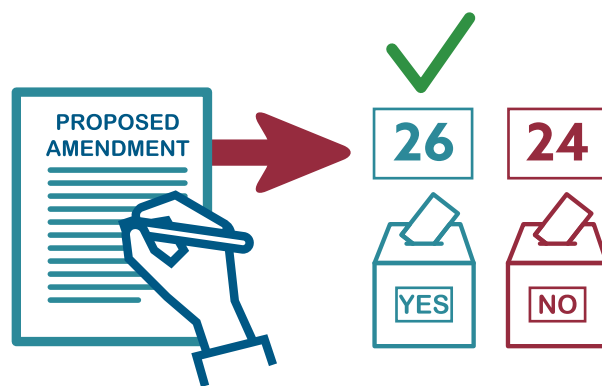
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Convention is Called

- 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.

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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.

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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.

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Constitution is Amended

See COS Resolution →

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

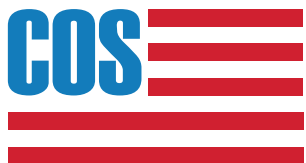
Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the States to protect the liberty of our people—particularly for the generations to come—by proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of states under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power,

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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