

I implore you to stop the passage of SJR 3, HJR 2, SJR 6, HJR 3, and any other resolution calling for an Article V convention of the states, or "Con-Con." South Dakota voted down the same resolution earlier this year -- please do the same and uphold our Constitution as it is currently written.

Also stop HB 67 and SB 112, which would be useless, but give a false sense of security over the outcome of a convention.

Please consider the following points about the problems with an Article V convention:

1. There is no description of the ratification conventions Congress could choose to call.
2. There are no rules governing the ratification conventions Congress could choose to call.
3. There is no means provided for either the states or the people to challenge Congress's choice of the method of ratification.
4. There is no test provided for a qualifying application submitted by a state.
5. The acceptance by one Congress of a state application for a convention does not bind subsequent Congresses from accepting that application.
6. Application for a convention submitted by one state legislature does not prevent subsequent state legislatures from revoking the previous application.
7. All these issues would be challenged in court and would take years to decide.
8. The issues to be addressed at a convention to propose amendments would likely be moot by the time the challenges reached the U.S. Supreme Court for final adjudication.
9. If 100 percent of registered voters opposed an amendment proposed by a convention, but the requisite number of state legislatures or ratifying convention (according to the process determined by Congress for consideration of proposed amendments) then that amendment would become part of the Constitution regardless of the will of the people.
10. The same scenario is true of a proposed amendment that was approved by 100 percent of registered voters but rejected by the ratification conventions or state legislatures (according to the process determined by Congress for consideration of proposed amendments).

A Con-Con is a dangerous idea because it could open a Pandora's box of amendments to our U.S. Constitution that could make it unrecognizable. Many Constitutionalists in all levels of government agree; please look at this short video: youtu.be/Q60OK1LmIKQ

Any amendment in a Con-Con will need broad support to pass. Thus, limited government conservatives will need to make concessions to left liberals. The resulting document will not be an improvement from what we have today. We see extremists on the Left pushing for "fundamentally transforming" the nation into something unrecognizable. They would love a convention with the potential to do just that.

Rather than apply Article 5, please use Article 6 of the U.S. Constitution. It states: "This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof ... shall be the supreme Law of the Land."

As for former Senator Rick Santorum's lobbying efforts for an Article V convention on behalf of COS, please watch this video of Article V convention expert Robert Brown debunking his claims: youtu.be/RgecUKL6_zU

Any law that violates the Constitution is null and void. Please enforce the Constitution, and oppose SJR 3, HJR 2, SJR 6, and HJR 3.

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