

By: Representative Della Rosa

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

RESCINDING ALL APPLICATIONS MADE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO CALL A CONVENTION UNDER UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE V, FOR PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

Subtitle

RESCINDING ALL APPLICATIONS MADE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO CALL A CONVENTION UNDER UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE V.

WHEREAS, over the years the General Assembly has approved resolutions officially applying to the United States Congress to call a convention, under the terms of United States Constitution, Article V, to offer various amendments to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, while no Article V amendatory convention has ever been called by the Congress of the United States, there is a possibility that one (1) or more conventions could be called in the future; and

WHEREAS, past applications by the General Assembly remain alive and valid until they are formally rescinded; and

WHEREAS, over the course of time, the will of the people of the State of Arkansas may have changed with regard to the General Assembly's previous calls for a convention to amend the United States Constitution; and



WHEREAS, the General Assembly is aware that other states have made applications requesting that the United States Congress call a constitutional convention and the General Assembly does not wish for previously adopted applications to be included with similar applications made by other state legislatures,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

THAT the General Assembly officially rescinds and withdraws all applications from past sessions of the General Assembly that apply to the United States Congress for the calling of a convention under United States Constitution, Article V, regardless of how old such previous applications might be and irrespective of the subject matter of the applications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the withdrawal and rescission by this joint resolution include without limitation the following resolutions applying to the United States Congress for a convention under United States Constitution, Article V to the extent that those resolutions apply for a convention under United States Constitution, Article V:

- (1) HCR 17 of 1901;
- (2) SCR 10 of 1943;
- (3) HCR 24 of 1959;
- (4) HCR 14 of 1961;
- (5) HJR 2 of 1963;
- (6) HJR 3 of 1963;
- (7) HJR 4 of 1963;
- (8) HJR 12 of 1963;
- (9) SJR 1 of 1965;
- (10) SCR 13 of 1975;
- (11) HJR 2 of 1977; and
- (12) HJR 1 of 1979.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Arkansas congressional delegation, with each copy accompanied by a cover letter including the General Assembly's request that the complete verbatim text of this joint resolution be published in the Congressional Record and that this joint resolution be referred to the committee or committees of the United States Congress having jurisdiction in this matter.