

RESOLUTION OPPOSING AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION

WHEREAS, the second proposal method under Article V of the United States Constitution provides for "Congress" to call an amendment proposing Convention, frequently called an Article V Convention, once the two thirds state application threshold is met, and Congress has lawful power to organize the Convention once called, prior to the Convention's deliberations,

WHEREAS, the Constitution is silent as to the agenda and rules of such a Convention and sets out no way to limit the agenda of such a Convention since such a Convention is a plenipotentiary body of highest order that is illimitable; and,

WHEREAS, the States' "only" Article V power, in the 2nd proposal method, is that of application to Congress, and

WHEREAS, former U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger concluded that there is no effective way to limit or muzzle the action of a Constitutional Convention after it is convened; and,

WHEREAS, Gov. Gavin Newsom is calling for an Article V Convention for Gun Control and California's legislature has passed an Article V application for Gun Control; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii has an active Article V application to repeal the Second Amendment; and,

WHEREAS, HCR 24 introduced into the U.S. Congress in 3/14/2023 calls for an Article V Convention using applications for an amendment on any subject; and,

WHEREAS, the Constitution is silent as to the qualifications and appropriation of the delegates to such a convention and how or by whom they should be selected; and,

WHEREAS, a Constitutional Convention would attract a multitude of individuals and special interest groups with agendas that would alter our Constitution beyond recognition; and,

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States is a timeless document which, by limiting the powers of the government it created and guaranteeing the freedom and opportunity of the citizens for whom it was created, has produced the best and most productive nation in the history of the world; now be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Texas strongly opposes the convening of a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States for the reason that the risk of loss far exceeds the possibility of gain from such an unlimited and uncontrollable sovereign assembly.

A copy of this resolution should be sent to the _____ County/Senate District # _____ Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct # _____ with the recommendation that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the _____ Party of Texas.