

STOP THE ARTICLE V CONVENTION!

In 2010, a wise NH Legislature [rescinded](#) all previously-passed applications asking Congress to call a convention under Art. V (A5C). But in 2012, a new Legislature passed an application for an A5C. Ever since then, NH Legislators have been introducing & debating Delegate bills and applications for a convention. **Several new applications for an A5C have also been filed this year in NH.**

Delegate bills are ineffective, because State Legislatures have no power to select Delegates to an A5C. State Legislatures have no control over Delegates. But Delegate Bills *are* dangerous because they give legislators a false sense of security by fooling them into thinking they can control the Delegates and thereby prevent a "runaway convention".

We need the NH Legislature to *vote against* the Delegate bills and *against* the new applications for an A5C.

We also want them to rescind their existing application for Congress to call an A5C. As long as it is un-rescinded, Congress will count it to make it one of the 34 States which have applied for a Convention.

THE LEGISLATION

Here are the bills we oppose in the **New Hampshire House**:

[HB269](#) (Delegate bill)—Introduced Jan. 11, 2023. Pending in the House [State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs](#) committee. **Hearing Friday, Jan. 20 @ 10:30 am (EST)**

[HCR4](#) (Term Limits)—Introduced Jan. 3, 2023. Pending in the House [State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs](#) committee. **Hearing Friday, Jan. 20 @ 1:45 pm (EST)**

[HCR1](#) (COS)—Introduced Jan. 4, 2023. Pending in the House [State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs](#) committee. *Hearing Friday, Jan. 27 @ 1:30 pm (EST)*

[HB392](#) (Delegate Bil)—Introduced Jan. 9, 2023. Pending in the House [State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs](#) committee. *Hearing can be scheduled at any time.*

THE POINTS

The "[Myths v. Facts](#)" flyer exposes a number of the false assurances made by convention supporters.

"[States have no Power to Control Delegates to an Article V Convention](#)" (flyer) shows that those who promise that State Legislators will select and control the Delegates are making stuff up! Furthermore, Delegates have the self-evident Right "to alter or to abolish" the existing state & federal governments. So, no one has power over Delegates!

"[DANGER: Article V Convention Legislation filed in Congress...](#)" shows that the convention pushers' assurances that Congress "can't" call a convention until they get 34 States which have passed applications asking for the same amendment; and that Delegates "can't" do anything except address amendments requested by at least 34 State legislatures, is totally false. Read the flyer to see how Congress proposes to Count the applications - they will lump them all together in one pile and start counting.

The "[Brilliant Men](#)" flyer shows that James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, four US Supreme Court Justices, and other jurists and scholars warned that Delegates to an Article V convention can't be controlled.

The "[Phony Petitions & Polls](#)" flyer shows how the convention lobby uses polls to sway legislators, rather than measure true voter opinion. A poll which focuses on the subject of a proposed amendment (i.e. term limits), while ignoring the risks of an Art. V convention, is not a true measure of public opinion on this complex issue. US Term Limits continually tells legislators that 70 to 80% of their constituents support term limits, according to polls that don't describe an Article V convention.

A MORE PROGRESSIVE CONSTITUTION?

"[An Article V Convention Made Easy](#)" shows why Delegates to an Article V Convention have the power to throw off the Constitution we have and set up a new one, with a new and easier mode of ratification.

And Convention of States (COS) board member Robert P. George has co-drafted [a new constitution](#) which grants massive powers to a new fed gov't & imposes gun control with red flag confiscations!

Please write all 398 (!) New Hampshire Representatives, and tell them, in your own words, why they should **Vote "No" on HB269, HB392, HCR1, HCR4**, and all applications asking Congress to call an Art. V Convention. Please also ask them to Rescind the application they already sent to Congress.

In "[The Risk of the Right-Wing Push to Rewrite the Constitution](#)," celebrated historian James M. Banner, Jr. raises the alarm about the push, mainly by a few billionaires, to trigger a convention under Article V of the US Constitution:

"...the greatest danger is that there's nothing in Article V that prevents an amendatory convention from following the example of the 1787 convention in Philadelphia, which became a runaway convention by simply assuming its freedom to propose a substitute for the very frame of government, the Articles of Confederation, under which it convened...[If] the proponents of an Article V convention succeed in setting one in motion,..." "the extraordinary American experiment in the self-government of an open society that has endured for over 230 years will be in never-before-experienced peril."

Chief Justice Warren Burger's **LETTER** to Phyllis Schlafly dated June 22, 1988:

"...[T]here is no effective way to limit or muzzle the actions of a Constitutional Convention. The Convention could make its own rules and set its own agenda...After a Convention is convened, it will be too late to stop the Convention if we don't like its agenda..."

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