

Article V Convention: Not the “Limited” Convention You Were Promised!

Dear Legislator,

If you think you’re voting for an application asking Congress to call a “limited” convention under Article V of the US Constitution, you’re mistaken.

According to Art. V, Congress shall *call* a convention for proposing amendments upon the applications of 2/3 of the states (or 34). It is up to Congress to decide when 34 states have valid applications. Nothing in Art. V says that applications need to be the same or similar; and nothing in Art. V says the convention can be limited by the subject(s) of the application.

Furthermore, if Congress calls an Art. V convention, the convention can do whatever they want including [proposing a new Constitution](#) with its own new mode of ratification. The ostensible subject of an application for a convention is merely *bait* designed to induce specific groups of people to support a convention.

Therefore, your vote for *any* application, including a Balanced Budget (BBA), Convention of States (COS), Term Limits, WolfPAC (ostensibly to overturn *Citizens United*, etc.), risks our Constitution.

For years, the convention lobby has been telling Legislators that 34 states must pass applications with *the same or similar language* before Congress can call a convention; & that the convention can’t veer from the subject of the application. But it is now obvious that the convention lobby doesn’t believe their own talking points.

Since there is no such thing as a “limited convention,” Congress could mix and match applications in order to come up with the 34 states needed to call a convention. Clearly, the [strategists](#) for the convention lobby are well aware of this, even though they have been telling Legislators the opposite. The following Chart lists the States the convention lobby wants Congress to aggregate to get to 34 states. Note that BBA applications are being aggregated with COS applications, and *with 6 applications that have nothing to do with the BBA*. After 45+ years, only 26 states have active “BBA” applications for a convention. So convention lobby strategists reinvented the way they count to 34!

Convention Lobby Strategists now claim 33 States with Applications for an Article V convention: 26 BBA’s, 1 COS, and 6 on any and all subjects:		
Article V Applications	States	Total Applications
Balanced Budget Amendment plus COS	27: AL, AK, AZ, AR, FL, GA*, IN, IA, KS, LA, MI, MO, MS, NE, NH, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WI, WV & WY	*Georgia’s BBA application expired on 1/1/20. So pro-convention strategists slipped in GA’s COS to replace GA’s BBA.
“Unlimited”: Any & All Subjects	6: IL , KY , NJ* , NY , OR , WA	*NJ rescinded 12/20/21. What will strategists replace it with?
Total Applications today per convention strategists	33	Ignoring both the sunset of GA’s BBA & NJ’s repeal; and counting 6 obsolete apps, strategists say their next State will be #34!
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When pro-convention strategists count the BBA applications, they are including 5 States that have *never* passed BBA applications, along with Oregon, which specifically **rescinded** its BBA in 1999! The six unrelated applications were passed between 1789 and 1901; the subject of the application is below. So convention lobby strategists are using these applications like “wild cards:”

<u>New York</u>	1789	Bill of Rights
<u>Kentucky</u>	1861	To avert the Civil War
<u>New Jersey</u>	1861	To avert the Civil War
<u>Illinois</u>	1861	To avert the Civil War
<u>Oregon</u>	1901	Direct Election of Senators
<u>Washington</u>	1901	Unlimited convention

Other groups lobbying for a convention also can claim these wild cards. In fact, US Term Limits has already inflated by 700% the number of states that passed the term limits application. Only 4 States have passed the Term Limits application; but they claim 28 states!

Legislators need to understand that *any* application for an A5C, no matter how limited it may seem *on its face*, means a convention where anything can happen.

Please Vote “No!” on your State’s application(s) asking Congress to call an A5C—and please rescind all applications that your State passed, no matter how long ago.

The convention lobby doesn’t believe a convention would be limited. Why should you?!