

Applying for an Article V Convention is buying a pig in a poke: *Congress* has the powers granted by Article I, § 8, last clause, US Constitution – *not State Legislatures*



The US Constitution, at **Article V** and **Article I, § 8, last clause (the necessary and proper clause)**, grants *to Congress* the powers to make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the power delegated to Congress at Article V.

Accordingly, *Congress* has the constitutional authority to determine the number and selection process for Delegates to the Convention provided for at Article V. That Congress understands it has this power and intends to exercise it is shown [HERE](#).

Congress also has the constitutional authority to judge and count the applications for a Convention. That Congress understands that it has this power and intends to exercise it is shown [HERE](#).

Once 34 State Legislatures have applied to Congress for Congress to call a convention and Congress sets about calling the Convention, [State Legislatures have nothing more to do with the Convention](#).

So how is the Convention Lobby dealing with this inconvenient Fact? *They deny it!* They had to find a way to convince State Legislators that *THEY* will be the ones who exercise the powers the "necessary and proper clause" grants to Congress! And they did it by [fabricating the false and preposterous claim](#) that when Congress calls a convention under Article V, the necessary and proper clause at **Article I, § 8, last clause, doesn't apply to Congress!** They claim that *State Legislatures* have the powers **Article I, § 8, last clause** grants to Congress!

State Legislators who believe it's a good idea to apply to Congress for Congress to call an Article V Convention better open the sack and look inside before they [buy a pig in a poke](#).

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