

## WARNING!

# Republican Establishment Now Seeking an Article V Constitutional Convention

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The Passage of an Article V Constitutional Convention appears to have become the objective of “The Powers that Be” in the Republican Establishment. It is being bantered about as a way to overcome the “Trump” problem. The message seems to be, *Don't worry if Trump gets elected, we will take care of everything by having a “Convention of States.”*

**Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, and John Kasich** have all recently stated publicly that they will now make the passage of an Article V so-called “Convention of States” their primary goal. **Premier Neo Con and Establishment Republican William Kristol**, Editor of the Weekly Standard, used his publication to promote Texas Governor Greg Abbott's plan for an Article V Convention. Kristol is an important voice of the pro-internationalist/anti-American Sovereignty arm of the Republican Establishment. Also prominent conservative Republicans are promoting an Article V Constitutional Convention. <http://www.weeklystandard.com/a-new-constitutional-convention/article/2000805>

**Texas Governor Greg Abbott** has published his list of **nine amendments**. He made passage of a so-called “convention of states” a top priority at the Texas Republican State Convention last weekend. The Convention passed contradictory platform planks on Article V **purposefully confusing the issue**. This is especially true when one considers the “Convention of States” organization proposes **unlimited structural changes** which opens all the Articles of the Constitution to amendment through an Article V Constitutional Convention. There is no difference between an Article V Constitutional Convention and their so-called “convention of states.” The terminology of “convention of states” is found nowhere in Article V in the U.S. Constitution.

**Texas Republican Platform: Constitutional Convention** — We oppose any constitutional convention to rewrite the United States Constitution. We support the Texas Legislature rescinding its 1977 call for such a convention.

**Article V Convention** — We support the Bill of Rights as written by our Founding Fathers and assert the authority of the 10th amendment. We urge our Texas State Legislators to call for a limited Article V Convention of States for the specific purpose of reducing the power of the federal government, including implementation of term limits. Any proposed amendments must be ratified by 3/4 of the states.

When we add Governor Abbott's proposed nine amendments for an Article V Convention to the list of **eleven by Mark Levin, six by former U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, the Repeal of Citizens United and Election Reform by the Left financed by George Soros, the Countermand Amendment, the new Term Limits Amendment, and the unlimited complete restructuring of the Constitution proposed by the Convention of States organization**, you have a recipe for a totally unlimited and disastrous Article V Constitutional Convention to completely change our Constitution.

We should make note that the **Koch Brothers are financing the American Legislative Exchange Council**, which has for years *spearheaded the drive for an Article V Constitutional Convention*. What is their objective? The Koch Brothers are now contributing to many “conservative” organizations laying the foundation for the passage of an Article V Convention. The only effective national conservative organizations opposing Article V that I know of are Eagle Forum, the John Birch Society and Campaign for Liberty.

Under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, 34 states are need to apply for a Constitutional Convention for the purpose of proposing amendments. Congress, not the states under Article V, calls the Convention. We do not know how the applications will be counted . . . if they will be aggregated or counted separately by subject or by exact wording . . . this is unknown. I suspect that if the Elite determine that they can use an Article V Convention for their purposes that they will find the most convenient way.

**This is why it is so important that we begin rescinding Article V Constitutional Convention**

**Applications.** This year Delaware rescinded ALL of their applications for Article V's. Previously in the 1980s and 1990s, 32 states passed resolutions for Article V's on a Balanced Budget. We went to work and 16 states rescinded their applications. This is what we must do now. Nevada attempted to rescind our original application for an Article V Balanced Budget Amendment, but we could not get it passed in the State Senate. It was then

“Expunged” by the Assembly, although it is still counted by the Balanced Budget organization. This will result in a court case as will most of the issues surrounding Article V. *Do you want the courts determining the future of America?*

**Article V Balanced Budget Amendment:** 28 states have passed it. Oklahoma was added this year, but Delaware rescinded all previous applications for an Article V Convention. They did not make their goal to pass 34 states (the Constitutional requirement) by July 4, 2016. <http://bba4usa.org/>

**Article V “Convention of the States”:** 7 states have passed it: Alaska, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. Consider that any and all states, especially Republican-Conservative States, are targeted. Republican Senator Settlemeyer sponsored COS in Nevada.

**Compact for a Balanced Budget Amendment:** 4 states have passed it: Alaska, Georgia, Mississippi, North Dakota. This is a compact between the states for an Article V Convention.

**“We the People Amendment”** [www.movetoamend.org](http://www.movetoamend.org) to repeal the Supreme Court Decision in **“Citizens United”** has passed in 4 states: California, Illinois, Vermont and New Jersey. It is designed to *severely limit political free speech*. This is most likely to be passed in Democrat or Swing states. See a copy of the amendment: <http://www.movetoamend.org/wethepeopleamendment>

**The Countermand Amendment:** creating a countermand veto power of the states which would allow states to override federal legislation, executive orders, or court orders whenever 30 states agree to such a veto. This passed this year in Alaska.

**New Term Limits Amendments:** has surfaced in several states this year including Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Utah.

**There are other Con/Cons** on a variety of issues including marriage, which have begun popping up in Legislatures around the nation. **Article V appears to be the new way to solve all problems.**

We often hear the argument that we don't have to worry about what amendments are passed by a Constitutional Convention because Article V requires three-fourths or 38 of the states to ratify any amendment coming out of an Article V Convention and *the states would not support anything that is bad!*

Oh really? Wasn't it **the states that ratified the Seventeenth Amendment which radically changed the balance of power**, shifting power from the States to the Federal Government? The long-term negative ramifications of this change are incredible. The Seventeenth Amendment changed the election process for U.S. Senators who were originally elected by State Legislatures. Now they are elected by the people. This fundamentally changed the balance of power, one of the founders' critical safeguards. We now see the results . . . a completely overpowering Federal Government with states cowed into subservience by receiving between 19-45% of their general fund budgets from the Feds! No state Legislator will ever vote for a Balanced Budget Amendment at an Article V Constitutional Convention because it will mean 19-45% of their state budget will be eliminated. Unless of course they are bent on political suicide.

Under Article V the Congress can mandate that any amendments passed at a Constitutional Convention be ratified by Conventions in the States completely bypassing the state Legislatures themselves. In addition, Article V makes no limitation on what in the Constitution can be amended, except that States cannot lose their equal representation in the U.S. Senate. That means that literally everything, I mean EVERYTHING else, can be amended including the ratification process. In the original Constitutional Convention the founders changed the number of states required for ratification from 13 to 9. There is no guarantee that that would not happen again. The Convention could change the number of states necessary to ratify any amendment.

**Who do you trust to structurally change your Constitution?** The Governor or State Legislators from California or New York? I don't know about you but I'm very short on trust for any politicians these days whatever their label may be . . . conservative, moderate, liberal, progressive, Republican, or Democrat.