

# Article V ideas

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## Going after the Federal Courts

- Term limit all of them, not just the Supreme Court.
- Have 2/3 of the States confirm them instead of 2/3 of Senate. This would be all justices.
- All a certain amount 26 to 30, of the states be able to countermand them at ANY time (I hate Levin's limitation)
- Allow a certain amount of states to impeach justices.
- Just like Congress can limit Supreme Court jurisdiction (except in some areas), and has even greater power over federal courts, including possibly getting rid of some, states will now get that power and can override Congress if they get in the way of the states on this.

## Going after the Executive

- Allow 2/3 of the states to appoint all department members instead of 2/3 of Senate.
- Have the states get part of the executive's jurisdiction.
- Each state would pick one guy. With between 26 and 30 of them, we could override the executive and block enforcement of measures. They would NOT have the power of applying enforcement (so that they don't get too powerful) and are appointed by the states, can be removed by them, and will have term limits. By blocking enforcement, we can block bad stuff in the courts and also block Amnesty and many other bad things. We can have the states override even this group if need be (as I don't trust any group fully to have too much power.)
- Block the president from pardoning anyone that is or was (think Ford pardoning Nixon or people resigning to escape justice) in his/her administration.
- Have the states have a stake in the Department of Justice and others and make sure that there is another group, besides the federal government, investigating wrongdoing in the federal government.
- Allow 2/3 of the states to impeach the President.
- Kill all of this executive order and signing statement crap.
- Strip power to take a lot of military action and give back to Congress.
- Give states power to override decision to decrease military with enough votes from states.

## Going after the Congress

- Make all bills have a sunset provision where they must be renewed after a certain amount of time (make this retroactive to old bills. We can exempt certain types if need be, but we should make sure to have as many covered by the sunset provision as possible.) . Also, they must have a specific statement about what they are about at the beginning of the bill and nothing in the bill can be about other things (this kills pork and also helps the law be interpreted easier by a

court) and also there must be at least 30 days between when a bill is done being written and when it is voted upon and said bill must be viewable to the public (no more pass it to see what's in it crap!)

- They can only spend or regulate what doesn't fall within the jurisdiction of the states.
- Foreign aid shall be limited to spending on military matters and what is truly essential for our allies that doesn't fall into strictly military but would be essential to help an ally or aide national defense.
- Term limit the whole lot of them.
- Limit their ability to be a lobbyist during office and for sometime after.
- Make them follow their own laws (no exemptions from Obamacare or insider trading and things like that.)
- Allow the states to countermand them with between 26 and 30 states and make it apply to any time (I don't like Levin's limits.)
- Repeal the 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment and put the states back to picking the Senators.
- Make them balance the budget and limit their power to tax. Repeal the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment if we can.
- Make all international agreements have to go through 2/3 of the States and not the Senate. (And make sure that the executive cannot call something something else to go around us like Barry did with Iran.)
- Stop Congress from delegating lawmaking power elsewhere.
- They and the executive cannot take most foreign action unless it serves a national interest (i.e Monroe Doctrine) or deals with a compelling enough international issue (i.e. horrific genocide for instance).
- Power of them or president to institute draft is blocked unless 3/5 of both Houses institute it.
- They may spend over but they must get a large amount of Congress to agree on it. (Say 3/5 of both Houses). If they do this three years in a row, states must sign off on it.

## **The Bureaucracies**

- Make them all sunset unless the states renew them.
- Make sure that all lawmaking ones are now part of Congress and everything they pass must go through Congress and have the same rules apply. All executive parts are part of the executive branch and are now serving the chief executive. No agency may have legislative and executive power combined or any more than one of the three main powers at a time.
- All their provisions will sunset too, even old ones.
- Their powers will be limited just like Congress's above.
- The states can shut them down if they act out of line.