

CONVENTION of STATES ACTION

PROCESS OF AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF STATES

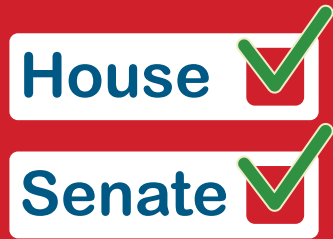
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The People Lead

- Citizens ask state legislators to sponsor and support the Convention of States Resolution (see COS Resolution on reverse side).

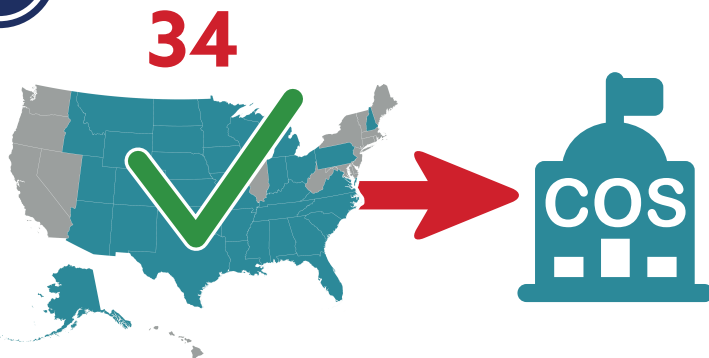
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State Legislators Act

- One or several state legislators sponsor the COS Resolution and file it in their state legislature.
- The COS Resolution passes out of committee and floor votes in both chambers of the state legislature.

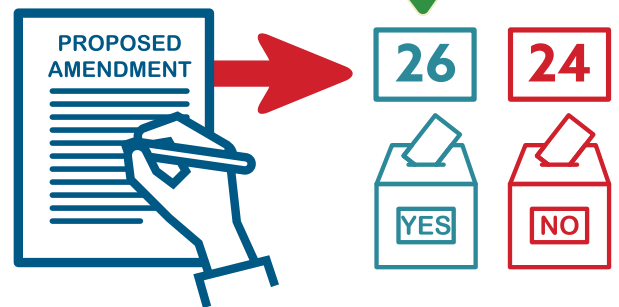
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Convention is Called

- When 34 states pass the COS Resolution, the states elect commissioners to represent them at the convention.
- States send as many commissioners as they choose, but each state only gets one vote.

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Amendments are Proposed

- Commissioners propose, debate, and vote on amendments limited to the language of the COS Resolution. Proposed amendments outside of that agenda would be out of order.
- Proposed amendments passed by a majority of states (26) are sent to the states for ratification.

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Amendments are Ratified

- Proposed amendments only become valid if ratified by 38 states.
- It only takes one legislative chamber in 13 states to stop a bad amendment from being ratified.

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Constitution is Amended

- By asserting your constitutional power under Article V, you can act as a final check on rampant federal overreach, and use the Constitution to save the Constitution.



LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES

BY THE NUMBERS

FILED THE COS RESOLUTION (47 STATES)

AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WY

PASSED THE COS RESOLUTION (12 STATES)

GA, FL, AK, AL, IN, TN, OK, LA, AZ, ND, TX, MO

HOUSE FLOOR VOTE WINS (19 STATES)

AL, AK, AR, AZ, FL, GA, IN, IA, LA, MS, ND, NM, TN, VA, SD, UT, OK, MO, TX

SENATE FLOOR VOTE WINS (16 STATES)

AL, AK, AZ, AR, FL, GA, IN, NH, NC, ND, OK, LA, MO, TN, TX, WV

COMMITTEE WINS (27 STATES)

AL, AK, AZ, AR, FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, LA, MS, MO, NE, NH, NM, NC, ND, OK, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY

