

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 194

Rescinding and withdrawing all past resolutions of the General Assembly applying to the Congress of the United States to call a constitutional convention to amend the Constitution of the United States.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 10, 2004

Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2004

WHEREAS, there has been no convention convened to amend the Constitution of the United States, and all amendments adopted to date have been initiated by two-thirds of the members of both houses of Congress and ratified by three-fourths of the states; and

WHEREAS, the operations of a convention are unknown and the apportionment and selection of delegates, method of voting in convention, and other essential procedural details are not specified in Article V of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Virginia has not called for a convention to amend the Constitution of the United States in the recent past, but in the more distant past has called for a convention (i) by House Joint Resolution No. 168 in 1977 concerning a presidential item veto, (ii) by the second resolved clause of Senate Joint Resolution No. 36 in 1976 concerning a balanced budget, and (iii) by other resolutions applying to the Congress to call a convention; and

WHEREAS, the status of these past resolutions is unclear and the prudent course requires the General Assembly to rescind and withdraw all past applications for a convention to amend the Constitution of the United States lest a convention be convened without current and careful consideration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly of Virginia rescinds and withdraws all past resolutions by the General Assembly applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of amending the Constitution of the United States including HJR No. 168 (1977), SJR No. 36 (1976), and all other resolutions calling for a convention; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit certified copies of this joint resolution to the Archivist of the United States at the National Archives and Records Administration of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Virginia delegation to the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

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Summary as introduced:

Constitutional convention to amend the Constitution of the United States. Rescinds all past resolutions of the General Assembly applying to the Congress to call a convention to amend the Constitution. Past resolutions include applications for conventions to consider presidential item veto powers and balanced budget requirements.

Full text:

- 01/14/04 House: Presented & ordered printed, prefiled 01/14/04 045120376
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Amendments:

- Senate amendments
Senate amendments engrossed

Status:

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01/14/04 House: Referred to Committee on Rules
01/15/04 House: Introduced bill reprinted 045120376
02/11/04 House: Reported from Rules (13-Y 1-N)
02/13/04 House: Passed by for the day
02/14/04 House: Taken up
02/14/04 House: Engrossed by House
02/14/04 House: Agreed to by House (82-Y 10-N)
02/14/04 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (82-Y 10-N)
02/14/04 House: Communicated to Senate
02/16/04 Senate: Reading waived
02/16/04 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules
03/05/04 Senate: Reported from Rules with amendments by voice vote
03/08/04 Senate: Reading waived (37-Y 0-N)
03/08/04 Senate: VOTE: WAIVE READING R (37-Y 0-N)
03/09/04 Senate: Read third time
03/09/04 Senate: Reading of amendments waived
03/09/04 Senate: Committee amendments agreed to
03/09/04 Senate: Engrossed by Senate as amended
03/09/04 Senate: Agreed to by Senate with amendments by voice vote
03/09/04 House: Placed on Calendar
03/10/04 House: Senate amendments agreed to by House (91-Y 5-N)
03/10/04 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (91-Y 5-N)
03/10/04 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HJ194ER)