

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY GOEBEL, BOWSER AND KANUCK, JANUARY 30, 1980

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS,  
JANUARY 31, 1980

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In the House of Representatives, January 30, 1980

1 WHEREAS, The Tenth Amendment to the United States  
2 Constitution reserves to the states those powers not delegated  
3 to the Federal Government nor prohibited to the states; and

4 WHEREAS, The Congress and the Supreme Court often legislate  
5 and rule on matters which should properly fall within the  
6 reserved powers of the states, which matters can be more  
7 efficiently and effectively resolved by a legislative body  
8 cognizant with the problems of a particular state; and

9 WHEREAS, The legislation and rulings of the Congress and the  
10 Supreme Court in these matters frequently frustrate and severely  
11 hamper the development of any comprehensive or consistent policy  
12 which a state may wish to implement; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
14 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requests the Congress of the  
15 United States to call a constitutional convention to propose an  
16 amendment to the United States Constitution enabling the  
17 legislatures of three-fourths of the several states to declare

1 null and void any act of Congress or Supreme Court decision  
2 within seven years after the act is signed into law or after the  
3 decision is rendered; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the  
5 Secretary of the United States Senate and to the Clerk of the  
6 United States House of Representatives and to each United States  
7 Senator and Representative from Pennsylvania.