
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 9, 2016

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Congress of the United States to call for an
2 amendment convention pursuant to Article V of the United
3 States Constitution that shall be entitled the Countermand
4 Amendment Convention and limited to proposing an amendment to
5 the United States Constitution to grant state legislatures
6 authority to countermand and rescind any mandate issued by
7 any branch of the Federal Government or its agencies that
8 encroaches on states' rights and the personal liberties of
9 their citizens.

10 WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution of the
11 United States guarantees to every state a republican form of
12 government that gives each state equal standing when calling
13 for a Federal amendment convention; and

14 WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States
15 reserves to the state legislatures the right to apply for an
16 Article V amendment convention for the purpose of proposing
17 amendments to the United States Constitution when Congress, the
18 courts or the executive branch refuse to address an egregious
19 wrong suffered by the people; and

20 WHEREAS, The state legislatures have the sole authority to
21 limit the agenda and authority of delegates and alternates they
22 send to a convention; and

1 WHEREAS, Under Article V of the United States Constitution,
2 Congress shall convene a convention as called for and defined by
3 two-thirds of the state legislatures; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
5 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby apply to Congress for
6 a Countermand Amendment Convention under the provisions of
7 Article V of the Constitution of the United States to propose a
8 countermand amendment to the Constitution of the United States
9 granting states the right to countermand and rescind any act of
10 any branch of the Federal Government or its agencies that
11 encroaches on states' rights and the personal liberties of their
12 citizens; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly direct Congress to
14 convene the Countermand Amendment Convention within 60 days from
15 the date it receives the 34th call for this convention from a
16 state legislature; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be
18 transmitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the
19 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
20 States House of Representatives, each member of the Pennsylvania
21 delegation to Congress and to the presiding officers of each
22 house of the state legislatures requesting their cooperation in
23 applying for a convention limited to the subject matter
24 contemplated by this application.