

LC 4370  
2023 Regular Session  
PRIORITY  
4/7/23 (DJ/ps)

# D R A F T

## SUMMARY

Withdraws all applications for amendment convention under Article V of United States Constitution that were previously made by Legislative Assembly and declares these applications null and void.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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Relating to applications of the Legislative Assembly for amendment conventions under Article V of the United States Constitution; and prescribing an effective date.

Whereas Article V of the United States Constitution establishes methods for proposing and adopting amendments to the United States Constitution; and

Whereas one method of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution involves the calling of an amendment convention upon the application to Congress of the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the states of the United States; and

Whereas over the decades, the Legislative Assembly has submitted applications to Congress for the calling of an amendment convention on various topics; and

Whereas no application of the Legislative Assembly, when combined with the applications of other states on the same topic, has been sufficient to meet the two-thirds threshold required by the United States Constitution, so no application of the Legislative Assembly has resulted in Congress calling an amendment convention; and

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1       Whereas the reasoning the Legislative Assembly previously relied upon  
2 in applying for an amendment convention may now be outdated, irrelevant  
3 or invalid; and

4       Whereas outstanding applications for an amendment convention may no  
5 longer reflect the will of the Legislative Assembly; and

6       Whereas changing facts and reasoning warrant declaring all outstanding  
7 applications for an amendment convention to be null and void; now, there-  
8 fore,

9 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

10       **SECTION 1.** **An application for an amendment convention under**  
11 **Article V of the United States Constitution that was submitted by the**  
12 **Legislative Assembly to Congress before the effective date of this 2023**  
13 **Act is hereby withdrawn and is null and void.**

14       **SECTION 2.** **This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date**  
15 **on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative**  
16 **Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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