

Enrolled
House Bill 3625

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES (at the request of Representative Julie Fahey)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

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

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the reasoning the Legislative Assembly previously relied upon in applying for an amendment convention may now be outdated, irrelevant or invalid; and

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

Whereas changing facts and reasoning warrant declaring all outstanding applications for an amendment convention to be null and void; now, therefore,

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

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that was submitted by the Legislative Assembly to Congress before the effective date of this 2023 Act is hereby withdrawn and is null and void.

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

Passed by House June 8, 2023

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Dan Rayfield, Speaker of House

Passed by Senate June 24, 2023

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Rob Wagner, President of Senate

Received by Governor:

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Approved:

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Tina Kotek, Governor

Filed in Office of Secretary of State:

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Secretary of State