

House Bill 3625

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

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

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

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

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

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

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

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16 amendment convention may now be outdated, irrelevant or invalid; and

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

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

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

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24 **effective date of this 2023 Act is hereby withdrawn and is null and void.**

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

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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.