
OLR Bill Analysis

sHJ 49 (as amended by House “A”)*

RESOLUTION RESCINDING PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT CALLED FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND DIRECTING TRANSMISSION OF SUCH RESOLUTION TO CONGRESS FOR PRINTING IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

SUMMARY

This resolution rescinds the state’s two outstanding calls for a federal constitutional convention (known as an Article V convention).

Specifically, it rescinds calls for conventions to propose amendments (1) authorizing the U.S. to negotiate with other countries to draft a constitution for a world federal government (SJ 15, 1949) and (2) prohibiting states from taxing the income of nonstate residents (SJ 9, 1958, March Special Session).

The resolution requires the secretary of the state to send certified copies to (1) the U.S. House speaker and clerk, (2) the U.S. Senate president and secretary, (3) each member of Connecticut’s congressional delegation, and (4) the archivist of the United States. The secretary must also request that the resolution be printed in the Congressional Record.

Under the U.S. Constitution, Congress must convene a constitutional convention upon application of the legislatures in two-thirds of states (i.e. 34 total) (U.S. Const. Art. V). To date, the U.S. has never held an Article V convention.

*House Amendment “A” requires the (1) copies submitted to certain parties to be certified and (2) secretary of the state to send a copy to the archivist.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (02/28/2025)