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SUMMARY

Informs Congress that all applications for amendment convention under Article V of United States Constitution made by Legislative Assembly before effective date of chapter _____, Oregon Laws 2023 (_____ Bill _____) (LC 4370), are withdrawn and are null and void.

JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 To the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of
3 America, in Congress assembled:

4 We, your memorialists, the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly of the
5 State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as
6 follows:

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

10 Whereas one method of proposing amendments to the United States Con-
11 stitution involves the calling of an amendment convention upon the appli-
12 cation to Congress of the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the states of
13 the United States; and

14 Whereas over the decades, the Legislative Assembly has submitted appli-
15 cations to Congress for the calling of an amendment convention on various
16 topics; and

17 Whereas no application of the Legislative Assembly, when combined with
18 the applications of other states on the same topic, has been sufficient to meet
19 the two-thirds threshold required by the United States Constitution, so no

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 application of the Legislative Assembly has resulted in Congress calling an
2 amendment convention; and

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4 in applying for an amendment convention may now be outdated, irrelevant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

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

8 Whereas changing facts and reasoning warrant declaring all outstanding
9 applications for an amendment convention to be null and void; and

10 Whereas the ever-changing needs and circumstances of the people of the
11 State of Oregon warrant establishing a 50-year sunset on any future appli-
12 cations for an amendment convention that are made by the Legislative As-
13 sembly; now, therefore,

14 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

15 That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, re-
16 spectfully inform the Congress of the United States that all applications for
17 an amendment convention under Article V of the United States Constitution
18 that the Legislative Assembly has made before the effective date of chapter
19 _____, Oregon Laws 2023 (_____ Bill _____) (LC 4370), are withdrawn and
20 are null and void; and be it further

21 Resolved, That on the effective date of chapter _____, Oregon Laws 2023
22 (_____ Bill _____) (LC 4370), a copy of this memorial be sent to the Senate
23 Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each
24 member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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