

# House Joint Memorial 3

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**.

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by Legislative Assembly before effective date of chapter \_\_\_\_\_, Oregon Laws 2023 (Enrolled House Bill 3625), are withdrawn and are null and void.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 America, in Congress as-  
3 sembled:

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

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

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

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

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

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18 amendment convention may now be outdated, irrelevant or invalid; and

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

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

23 Whereas the ever-changing needs and circumstances of the people of the State of Oregon war-  
24 rant establishing a 50-year sunset on any future applications for an amendment convention that are  
25 made by the Legislative Assembly; now, therefore,

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

27 That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, respectfully inform the Con-  
28 gress of the United States that all applications for an amendment convention under Article V of the  
29 United States Constitution that the Legislative Assembly has made before the effective date of  
30 chapter \_\_\_\_\_, Oregon Laws 2023 (Enrolled House Bill 3625), are withdrawn and are null and  
31 void; and be it further

**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.

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1        Resolved, That on the effective date of chapter \_\_\_\_\_, Oregon Laws 2023 (Enrolled House Bill  
2        3625), a copy of this memorial be sent to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House  
3        of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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