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Missouri has already supported the Article V Convention of States clause to call for a convention. Missouri should support this decision by structuring the commissioners selected with a solid framework to carry out the instructions of their constituents. There is overwhelming support growing for states to reclaim their power.



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Please support this bill so we will have the rules in place for our Commissioners when they are called to represent Missouri at the Convention of States. Thank you!



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in the last decade 17 states have passed a resolution calling for an Article V convention to propose amendments dealing with federal government overreach. Other causes are currently pushing for separate Article V conventions. It seems likely that we will see an interstate convention to propose amendments happen sometime in the near future. When this happens, Missouri should be ready to send commissioners to such a convention. House Bill 2169 comprehensively sets forth how many commissioners should be selected, where in the state they should be from, what qualifications they should have, and how they may act at the convention. HB2169 is "nonpartisan" in that it provides for adequate representation for both the minority and majority parties in choosing such commissioners, whether or not one party holds a "supermajority" in the legislature. And although HB2169 provides for a joint legislative committee to deal with proposing potential commissioners and recommended commissioner instructions, ultimately the full general assembly has the responsibility for commissioners and their actions and can recall commissioners or appoint new ones. For these reasons I am in support of this bill.



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I support going to the convention of states because I am afraid that the USA is becoming another Cuba. We need to bring back the power to the Legislators of the states.



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I support HB 2169 and hope you will too. I am often asked hoe the states pick their delegates for an A5 convention. This is a very fair MO selection process. MO has already applied for the convention (no sense in baseless fear mongers rearguing that) now let's support thus bill to fairly select our delegates.



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I Opposes This Bill. There Shall Be No Removal of Commissioners. These Posts Shall Be Elected By Our Missouri Citizens!



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It is the position of the Sierra Club to oppose any attempt to call an Article V Constitutional Convention in the United States or set up procedures for such a call. We therefore oppose House Bill 2169. Throughout the 230-year history of the U.S. Constitution, an Article V convention has never been called. The unknowns surrounding a constitutional convention pose an unacceptable risk, particularly in the current polarized political climate. The risks are as follows: **THREAT OF A RUNAWAY CONVENTION:** There is nothing in the Constitution to prevent a constitutional convention from being expanded in scope to issues not raised in convention calls passed by the state legislatures, and therefore could lead to a runaway convention. **INFLUENCE OF SPECIAL INTERESTS:** An Article V convention would open the Constitution to revisions at a time of extreme gerrymandering and polarization amid unlimited political spending. It could allow special interests and the wealthiest to rewrite the rules governing our system of government. **LACK OF CONVENTION RULES:** There are no rules governing constitutional conventions. A convention would be an unpredictable Pandora's Box; the last one, in 1787, resulted in a brand-new Constitution. We risk possibility that the process would be used to undo hard-won civil rights, civil liberties advances and environmental protections and undermine basic rights extended throughout history. **THREAT OF LEGAL DISPUTES:** No judicial, legislative, or executive body would have clear authority to settle disputes about a convention, opening the process to chaos and protracted legal battles that would threaten the functioning of our democracy and economy. **APPLICATION PROCESS UNCERTAINTY:** There is no clear process on how Congress or any other governmental body would count and add up Article V applications, or if Congress and the states could restrain the convention's mandate based on those applications. **UNCERTAIN RATIFICATION PROCESS:** A convention could try to re-define the ratification process (which currently requires 38 states to approve any new amendments) to make it easier to pass new amendments, including those considered at the convention. This happened in 1787, when the convention changed the threshold necessary for ratification.



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Please oppose this bill. The majority party doesn't want the Missouri Constitution amended by The People and shouldn't be hypocritically pushing this effort federally.