

**Senate Bill 886 – Support**

**Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment  
“Amendments Convention Called Under Article V of the U.S. Constitution - Delegation to the  
Convention”  
Hearing date 2/26/25**

Chair and committee members.

To recap, SB 886 establishes a process for the Maryland General Assembly to select and instruct commissioners to attend an Article V Convention of States. At this Convention, the commissioners will deliberate on proposed amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Please note, this Bill is not a specific call for an Article V application.

To date, 16 States have passed similar Bills, and in 2025 efforts are underway in 13 other States.

There are numerous Article V applications underway that will prompt a Convention. When applications are aggregated from 34 States a Convention of States will be called.

Many organizations are lobbying States to call for an Article V Convention. Here’s a summary of current applications being monitored by the Pheonix Correspondence Commission (see attached):

- 27 States have called for an Article V Convention to draft an amendment for a Balanced Budget
- 19 States have called for an Article V Convention to draft amendments for Fiscal Restraints, Term Limits, and Federal Government Overreach
- 7 States have called for an Article V Convention to draft an amendment for U.S. Term Limits
- 3 States have called for an Article V Convention to draft an amendment for Free and Fair Elections

The Maryland General Assembly has previously introduced Bills to call for a Convention of States. Between 2015-2021 there were eight Senate Bills drafted to submit Article V applications related to Democracy and Congressional Term Limits. Some contained commissioner guidance which has been utilized to develop the contents for this standalone Bill.

In conclusion, there is an increasing awareness of waste, fraud, and abuse taking place throughout the Federal Government. Across the nation, Article V applications are being proposed to address these issues. This Bill establishes a process to select and instruct commissioners to represent Maryland in any Article V Convention of States that is called.

Please return a **FAVORABLE** report for SB 886.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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# ARTICLE V CONVENTION LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

<u>Active AVC Groups</u>	<u>States Passed</u>	<u>States Introduced (includes carryovers from 2023)</u>	<u>House Committees</u>	<u>House Chamber</u>	<u>Senate Committees</u>	<u>Senate Chamber</u>	<u>Total Score*</u>	<u>% Complete</u>
<b>CSNDS/ BBA Task Force</b>	27: AL AZ AK AR GA FL (updated 2024) IN IA KS LA MS MI MO NE NH NC ND OH OK PA SD TN TX UT WV WI WY	1 Active: SC DNP: ID ME	Passed: DNP:	Passed: DNP:	Passed: DNP:	Passed: DNP: ~	<b>163</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>Convention of States Project</b>	19: AL AK AR AZ GA FL IN LA MS MO NE ND OK SC TN TX UT WV WI	10 Active: HA IL KY MA MN NJ NY NC OH PA Update: NE DNP: DE ID IA KS ME RI SD VT WA WY	Passed: IA KS NC DNP: RI	Passed: NC DNP: KS	Passed: IA KS DNP: DE SD	Passed: DNP: KS WY	<b>126</b>	<b>61%</b>
<b>US Term Limits</b>	7: OK (2023) AL GA FL (updated 2024), MO WV WI	9 Active: KY LA MN NE NC OH PA SC TN DNP: GA (update) ID IN KS ME SD UT	Passed: IN KS NC TN DNP:	Passed: IN NC TN DNP: KS	Passed: KA DNP: IN SD	Passed: DNP:	<b>55</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>WolfPAC Free &amp; Fair Elections</b>	3: CA RI VT	2 Active: MA NH DNP: OR WA	Passed: DNP:	Passed: DNP:	Passed: DNP:	Passed: DNP:	<b>20</b>	<b>10%</b>

<b>Delegate Selection Bills</b>	16: AZ AK AR GA FL IN LA MO~ ND OK (2023) SD TN TX UT WI WY	8 Active: AZ KA MD MO(2d) NE NC SC VA DNP: IA MS	Passed: KA OK NC DNP:	Passed: OK NC DNP:	Passed: OK MO VA DNP:	Passed: OK DNP:		
<b>Rescission Efforts since 2014</b>	9: OR (2023) CO IL NJ MD NM NV TX~ DE	5 Active: AZ CT NH NY-SC DNP:	Passed: NH DNP:	Passed: NH DNP:	Passed: NY DNP:	Passed: NY DNP:		

\*Each group receives 1 point for each state into which an Article V resolution is introduced; 1 point in each chamber if it passes all committees (2 pts in unicameral NE); 1 point in each chamber when it passes the floor (2 pts - NE); and 1 point when application is final. Thus, 6 total points can be earned in each state. The completion goal is 204 points (34 states x 6 pts./state). If an application dies during a non-carryover legislative session, then points generated for that cycle are not counted. DNP = voted down, tabled, died, missed crossover, held on calendar, or otherwise did not progress, but in some cases subject to be resurrected. ~ = further explanation required. Scoring is based on available public information and may have some inaccuracies. **Open/plenary convention calls are not aggregated herein; differing applications of aggregation will result in higher passage numbers than reflected herein.**

