

RESOLUTION REMOVING PLANK 37 FROM THE RPT PLATFORM

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States authorizes the convening of a Convention for proposing Amendments, now frequently called a Constitutional Convention, “on the application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States”; and,

WHEREAS, the Constitution is silent as to the agenda and rules of such a Convention and sets out no way to limit the agenda of such a Convention since such a Convention is a plenipotentiary body of highest order that is illimitable; and,

WHEREAS, the States only Article V power is to apply for a Convention toward the 2/3 threshold; and,

WHEREAS, former U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger concluded that there is no effective way to limit or muzzle the action of a Constitutional Convention after it is convened; and,

WHEREAS, Convention of States project (COS) agreed to an eight-year automatic recession (sunset) provision to pass its’ Article V application SJR 2, 85R in 2017; and

WHEREAS, COS is attempting to break the terms of that agreement and eliminate or extend the sunset provision on all Article V applications; and,

WHEREAS, COS is a special interest group that relies on billionaire donators that requires state sanctions in the form of Article V applications to stay in business; and,

WHEREAS, COS’s anti-republican agenda calling for an Article V Convention has divided the Republican Party of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, Gov. Gavin Newsom and COS are both calling for an Article V Convention, which is illimitable; and,

WHEREAS, HCR 24 introduced into the U.S. Congress in 3/14/2023 calls for an Article V Convention using applications for an amendment on any subject; and,

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States is a timeless document which, by limiting the powers of the government it created and guaranteeing the freedom and opportunity of the citizens for whom it was created, has produced the best and most productive nation in the history of the world; now be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Texas shall remove plank 37 from the RPT platform:

37. Article 5 Convention of States: The Texas Legislature shall extend the call for a Convention of States.

A copy of this resolution should be sent to the _____ County/Senate District # _____ Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct # _____ with the recommendation that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the _____ Party of Texas.