

REFERENCE TITLE: convention of states; delegation; oath

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Representative Volk

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 41-1108; RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 7, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-1108, to read:

4 41-1108. Convention of states; delegation; oath; violation;
5 classification; definition

6 A. IF A CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
7 OF THE UNITED STATES IS CALLED BY CONGRESS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V OF THE
8 UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, THIS STATE SHALL SEND A DELEGATION TO THE
9 ARTICLE V CONVENTION WITH THE INTENTION TO ONLY DISCUSS AND PROPOSE AN
10 AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION THAT IS WITHIN THE LEGAL
11 CONVENTION SCOPE.

12 B. ANY MEMBER OR ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION OF THIS STATE
13 SHALL TAKE THE FOLLOWING OATH OF OFFICE BEFORE ACCEPTING THE MEMBER'S OR
14 ALTERNATE MEMBER'S APPOINTMENT:

15 I, _____, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT TO
16 THE BEST OF MY ABILITIES, I WILL, AS A MEMBER OR ALTERNATE
17 MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION TO A CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING AN
18 AMENDMENT, UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE UNITED
19 STATES AND THE STATE OF ARIZONA.

20 I WILL NOT VOTE TO ALLOW CONSIDERATION OF OR TO APPROVE
21 ANY AMENDMENT PROPOSED FOR RATIFICATION TO THE UNITED STATES
22 CONSTITUTION THAT IS UNRELATED TO THE SPECIFIED SUBJECT OR
23 SUBJECTS OF THE APPROVED CALL OF THE CONVENTION FROM CONGRESS
24 AND FROM NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE STATES THAT SUBMITTED
25 APPLICATIONS. I WILL ALSO ABIDE BY ANY OTHER INSTRUCTIONS
26 FROM THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IF THE
27 INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT CONTRARY TO THE SUBJECT MATTER THAT WAS
28 SPECIFIED BY CONGRESS AND NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE
29 STATES.

30 I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ANY VIOLATION OF THIS OATH SHALL
31 RESULT IN BEING IMMEDIATELY RECALLED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
32 STATE OF ARIZONA OR ITS AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE AND BEING SUBJECT
33 TO CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT LESS THAN \$5,000, AS WELL AS BEING
34 SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL CHARGES.

35 C. A MEMBER OR ALTERNATE MEMBER OF A DELEGATION PURSUANT TO THIS
36 SECTION WHO IS AWARE OF ANY VIOLATION OF THE OATH OR ANY OTHER VIOLATION
37 BY ANOTHER MEMBER OR ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION SHALL REPORT THE
38 VIOLATION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE
39 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. A MEMBER OR ALTERNATE MEMBER OF
40 THE DELEGATION WHO VIOLATES THE OATH PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE
41 IMMEDIATELY RECALLED FROM THE DELEGATION AND IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY
42 OF NOT LESS THAN \$5,000 AND SHALL BE INVESTIGATED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.
43 AN ALTERNATE, IF ONE IS AVAILABLE, OR A NEW MEMBER SHALL BE SELECTED IN
44 THE SAME MANNER AS THE ORIGINAL DELEGATION TO REPLACE THE MEMBER OR
45 ALTERNATE MEMBER WHO IS REMOVED.

1 D. A MEMBER OR ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION OF THIS STATE TO
2 A CONVENTION OF STATES THAT IS CALLED BY CONGRESS WHO VOTES TO MOVE
3 FORWARD OR APPROVE AN AMENDMENT THAT IS NOT WITHIN THE LEGAL CONVENTION
4 SCOPE IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 5 FELONY.

5 E. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "LEGAL CONVENTION SCOPE" MEANS
6 THE SUBJECT MATTER THAT IS REFERENCED BY NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE
7 STATES IN THEIR CALLS FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES AND THAT IS ALSO
8 REFERENCED IN CONGRESS'S CALL FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES.