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Let's protect the U. S. Constitution – by opposing the “amendment convention.”

HCR 9 is sponsored by Jay Barnes - District 114 (sponsor) - an official application to Congress calling for a “federal amendment convention” is on the House Calendar for the Third Read. This House Concurrent Resolution will be a yes or no vote scheduled very soon. Please contact your State Representative and House Leadership – asking for a **NO vote.**

Senator Rupp – District 2 – has sponsored a very good Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR 9) This concurrent resolution rescinds Missouri's 1983 call for a constitutional convention. Please ask your State Senator and Senate Leadership to support SCR 9.

See **Phyllis Schlafly's letter below to the Missouri General Assembly.** For more information go to www.eagleforum.org.

February 9, 2011

To: Members of the Missouri General Assembly

Eagle Forum urges you to defeat House Concurrent Resolution No. 9 and any resolution that makes application to Congress to call an “amendment convention” or any convention pursuant to Article V of the U.S. Constitution. It is folly to think that such a convention could be limited to what is popularly called the Repeal Amendment.

There are no rules for the election or conduct of a convention called under Article V, except that the convention cannot be limited to considering a single amendment because Article V specifically uses the plural: “AmendmentS.” Former Chief Justice Warren Burger said, “After a Convention is convened, it will be too



late to stop the Convention if we don't like its agenda." The chief promoter of the Repeal Amendment, Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, stood on the steps of the State Capitol in Richmond on Jan. 17, 2011 and said: **"Yes, it is true that once you assemble a convention that the states have called, they can do more or less anything."**

Other unknowables include how the delegates will be elected, how they will be apportioned (some are calling for one-state-one-vote like the 1787 Philadelphia Convention), where it will take place, and who will be in charge. What if Obama's "Organizing for America" elects most of the delegates?

Such a convention could not possibly be held in secret and would be the media event of the century, with 24/7 TV coverage. Dozens of special-interest groups are eager to pass their amendments. Some states want a Balanced Budget Amendment, some want elimination of the Electoral College or the 17th Amendment, and one group has ten amendments ready to introduce.

I have attended dozens of Republican national and state and district conventions, and I have seen every kind of rule violated. The chairman holding the gavel has total power. Can you imagine Rahm Emanuel, Mitch McConnell, and Ron Paul trying to agree on new language to amend the Constitution?

Please don't embarrass Missouri by voting for such a foolish resolution. Eagle Forum has been opposing a convention for constitutional amendments since 1982, and we will score any vote on this resolution. The Constitution is too precious to play games with it.

Phyllis Schlafly, President, Eagle Forum
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HB 329 -- Elections

Dear Friends: This is an important bill for establishing fair and legal elections. Please call your Representative and urge him or her to vote YES on this bill!

HB 329 -- Elections
Sponsor: John Diehl

This bill changes the laws regarding elections. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Requires each local election authority to establish one advance voting center in each senatorial district in the state or at least one center in each county in a senatorial district if there is more than one county in a senatorial district. Any registered voter may vote by advance ballot in person at any election for federal or statewide offices. Advance voting will begin on the second Saturday prior to the election until the Wednesday immediately preceding the election, excluding Sundays, using absentee ballots and those procedures. No statement of the person's reason for voting an absentee ballot will be required as is currently required to vote by absentee ballot. All current procedures for casting and counting absentee ballots

and the appointment of election judges and polling places will apply to advance voting. The Secretary of State and each local election authority must provide adequate public notice of the advance voting centers and voting times including a posting at each local election authority's respective office and on the web site of each authority that maintains a web site. All costs associated with advance voting centers must be reimbursed by the state. If there is no appropriation, an election authority must not conduct advance voting;

(2) Specifies that a person seeking to vote in a public election must establish his or her qualifications as a United States citizen lawfully residing in this state by presenting a form of personal identification containing a photograph of the individual to election officials. All costs incurred by an election authority to implement the photo identification requirements must be reimbursed by the state. If there is no appropriation, the election authority must not enforce the photo identification requirement;

(3) Allows an individual to vote by casting a provisional ballot after signing an affidavit if he or she does not possess a required form of personal

identification because of the inability to pay for a birth certificate or other documentation necessary to obtain the identification;

(4) Requires the state to provide at no cost at least one form of personal identification required to vote to a qualified individual who does not already possess the required identification and desires the identification in order to vote; and

(5) Repeals the provision requiring a disabled or elderly person to be able to obtain a nondriver's license photo identification through a mobile processing system operated by the Department of Revenue.

If any portion of the bill is held invalid for any reason, the entire bill will be invalidated.

The bill will become effective upon voter approval of a constitutional amendment that authorizes the General Assembly to require the photo identification, advance voting, and voter registration requirements by general law.

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Ed Martin Featured at the Sweethearts Luncheon

The 9th annual Missouri Eagle Forum Sweethearts Luncheon February 10th drew 102 people to hear Ed Martin speak on voter fraud. It was held at the Deer Creek Club in Ladue. The Sweethearts Luncheon - always close to Valentine's Day - was started to honor our beloved Eagle Forum founder Phyllis Schlafly. Ed gave a wonderful talk, and also discussed his plans to run for the Senate in 2012. Janet Engelbach gave a summary of the Con Con bill HCR9 which will be voted on in the Missouri Legislature shortly.



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Come hear the Great Debate!!!

Decide for yourself: Will an **Article V**
Convention **save** our Constitution....
or **destroy** it???

The Article V - Repeal Amendment Debate

March 1st @ 7:00-8:30 pm!!!

Sheraton Clayton Plaza Hotel
Gallery Ballroom, 2nd Floor
7730 Bonhomme Ave.
Clayton, MO 63015
(314) 863-0400

DEBATE PANELISTS:

Phyllis Schlafly
David Roland
Tim Mooney

MODERATOR:

Gina Loudon

FREE complementary garage parking on 2nd level

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