

1 **NO RUNAWAY ARTICLE V CONVENTIONS ACT**
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4 “Article V Conventions” mean either a “Convention for proposing Amendments” or a “State
5 Ratification Convention” as expressly provided in Article V of the United States of America
6 Constitution; and
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8 “Article V Application” means a [Joint, Concurrent] resolution passed by the State Legislature of
9 [INSERT STATE] requiring Congress to call an Article V amendment proposing convention “on
10 the Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States” and
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12 “Commissioner” means a person selected for an amendment proposing convention by the State
13 Legislature or elected by the people for a state ratification convention; and
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15 “Instructions” means instructions given by the state legislature to commissioners before and
16 during an amendment proposing convention or given by the voters to commissioners who
17 pledged to vote YES or NO at a ratification convention; and
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19 “Runaway Amendment” means proposing an amendment that is unrelated to the subject matter
20 of the state’s Article V Application or any legislative instructions or violates the people’s vote
21 for or against ratification; and
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23 Every candidate for Commissioner to [INSERT STATE] Article V Conventions shall be required
24 to take the following oath:
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26 [“I do solemnly swear or affirm that to the best of my abilities, I will, as a commissioner to
27 Article V Conventions, uphold the Constitution and laws of the United States of America and the
28 State of [INSERT STATE]. I will only vote only as instructed by the people at a ratification
29 convention and will not vote for any runaway amendment at a proposing convention. I
30 understand that any vote against the will of the people or for a runaway amendment will be
31 voided, I will be replaced, recalled and subject to [CIVIL, CRIMINAL] penalties.”
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33 Any Commissioner who violates the oath contained in this section shall be subject to [the
34 maximum civil, criminal penalty] provided for by [INSERT STATE] law.
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36 This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.
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