## The Phoenix Correspondence Commission

#### What is the PCC?

The PCC is an important representative body of all fifty states that **serves to further the role of federalism with our federal constitutional structure.** It is a governmental entity created by the states.

It is comprised to be a total of 100 permanent delegates – one from each legislative chamber of most states, and two delegates from Nebraska as the sole unicameral state legislature.

The PCC was specifically created by the 2017 convention of states in Phoenix, Arizona to continue the work of the 2017 convention to plan and be a mechanism for recommending to Congress a time and place for calling a future Article V convention, and to perform all of the functions necessary to accomplish this convention – including being a forum of communication between all of the states.

#### The origins of the PCC:

The PCC was created by the first nationwide convention of states since 1861, when Arizona, under HCR 2027 (2017), called for a convening of states in September 2017 in Phoenix for the purpose of planning an upcoming Article V convention. This had been the first nationwide convening of all states since 1861, which was chaired by former President John Tyler to prevent a civil war between the states.

The convention was held September 12-15, 2017 in Phoenix. Prior to its convening, an invitation went out to legislative leadership in all fifty states inviting them to appoint delegates to attend the convention. The stated purpose of the convention was to create a proposed set of rules for adoption by and to govern a future Article V convention. Additionally, delegates were instructed to address the logistics involved in preparing for and participating in an upcoming Article V convention.

### **Purpose/Duties of the PCC:**

(1) The PCC monitors the progress of passage of Article V resolutions by the states; (2) **Serves as a committee for correspondence between the states, Congress and the people;** (3) Creates a mechanism for making a recommendation to Congress; (4) and Performs ancillary tasks to its charge as will assist in the calling of a future convention.

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# APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO THE PHOENIX CORRESPONDENCE COMMISSION

In response to the official request of the Phoenix Correspondence Commission (PCC) and pursuant to its Charter and By-Laws adopted August 29, 2019, the State of does hereby appoint the following individual(s) to the "permanent membership" of the PCC as defined thereunder: Representing the House of Representatives: So authorized by the following official on behalf of the House: Signature **Representing the Senate:** So authorized by the following official on behalf of the Senate: Signature Date

**Note:** The same individual may be assigned to represent both the House and Senate; and the individual(s) selected does not necessarily have to be an elected member to either the House or Senate.