

# Wyoming Liberty Index

## 62<sup>nd</sup> Wyoming Legislature ★ 2014 Budget Session

### **HB0027, Article V constitutional convention.**

Sponsors: Representative(s) Lubnau and Miller and Senator(s) Bebout

#### **Comments**

Prepares for an Article V convention by binding the delegates to such a convention. Possibly this bill is harmless in itself, but I fear such a convention would have problems. Had this bill passed, too many people would think all the dangers of such a convention would be handled. That is not the case.

U: The fiscal impact to the judicial system is indeterminable. This strikes me, at best, as a pretty ham-fisted attempt to pre-empt something as potentially complex as a runaway constitutional convention and, at worst, a pretty ignorant attempt. The States APPLY for amendments or a convention and CONGRESS proposes amendments or CALLS a convention. Obviously, since it is an enumerated power, Congress can set the rules for a convention if it so desires and therefore such rules will override whatever State rules, regulations, laws or limits that may conflict with those Congressional standards. The best Wyoming can do is limit the authority of its delegates AFTER Congress promulgates the rules providing there is enough wiggle room to do so. As written, HB 27 appears to be a rank waste of the Legislature's time. Liberty-wise, this bill makes the legal code a little bigger and more arcane to no good purpose.

Weighted Rating: -0.50. Unweighted Rating: -0.50.

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