

SENATE FILE NO. SF0095

Constitutional convention select committee.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hicks and Driskill and
Representative(s) Barlow, Brown, Lubnau,
Miller and Winters

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of government and
2 privacy; creating a select committee; providing for a study
3 of requests for a constitutional convention by the several
4 states; requiring a report; providing an appropriation; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.**

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11 (a) There is created a select committee on United
12 States Constitution Article V conventions consisting of the
13 following members:

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1 (i) Five (5) members of the Wyoming senate
2 appointed by the president of the senate, one (1) of whom
3 shall be designated as cochairman;

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5 (ii) Five (5) members of the Wyoming house of
6 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house, one
7 (1) of whom shall be designated as cochairman.

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9 (b) The select committee shall be staffed by the
10 legislative service office.

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12 (c) The select committee shall, as related to Article
13 V of the United States Constitution:

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15 (i) Collect information regarding all requests
16 for an Article V convention from the other states,
17 including the specific subject matter of all proposed
18 amendments;

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20 (ii) Determine the applicability to Wyoming of
21 the proposed amendments identified pursuant to paragraph
22 (i) of this subsection;

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1 (iii) Prepare and submit to the legislature for
2 concurrence a list of recommended amendments to the United
3 States constitution to be included in a request for an
4 Article V convention.

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6 (d) The select committee shall have authority to
7 establish procedures for corresponding with and exchanging
8 information with the other states.

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10 (e) Upon approval of the legislative management
11 council, the select committee shall establish and
12 communicate to the other states an appropriate mechanism
13 for engaging the Wyoming legislature's involvement in any
14 Article V summits, meetings or conventions among one (1) or
15 more other states.

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17 (f) The select committee shall conduct at least two
18 (2) public meetings in Wyoming before recommending any
19 constitutional amendments to the legislature. In addition,
20 each select committee member may be reimbursed travel
21 expenses to attend up to one (1) out-of-state meeting
22 related to Article V for the purpose of gaining information
23 from other states on any proposed Article V amendments and

1 developing a network among states proposing the same
2 constitutional amendment or amendments.

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4 (g) The select committee shall submit a final report
5 to all members of the legislature regarding the select
6 committee's results and recommendations on or before
7 October 1, 2014. The report shall include the status of
8 any other state requests for an Article V convention and
9 the level of support from other states, by subject matter,
10 for each such request.

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12 **Section 2.** There is appropriated from the general
13 fund forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) to the legislative
14 service office for payment of salary, per diem and mileage
15 for legislative select committee members for the purposes
16 of this act.

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18 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
19 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
20 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
21 Constitution.

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