

OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE REPORT

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RULES COMMITTEE

HB2299

By: Lepak of the House
Title: Article V Conventions; definitions; prohibited conduct; criminal penalties; effective date.
Coauthored By: Add as coauthor Representative Hilbert

Recommendation: **DO PASS AS AMENDED BY CS**

Amendments:

1. Committee Substitute Attached



Chr.
Representative Mike Osburn

YEAS: 8

Archer, Bashore, George, Harris, Hilbert, Lawson, Osburn, West (T)

NAYS: 2

Fugate, Hefner

CONSTITUTIONAL PRIVILEGE: 0

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 POLICY COMMITTEE
4 RECOMMENDATION

5 FOR

6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2299

By: Lepak

7 POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

8 An Act relating to conventions pursuant to Article V
9 of the United States Constitution; enacting the Dr.
10 Tom Coburn Act; defining terms; prohibiting certain
11 conduct; prescribing criminal penalties; providing
12 for noncodification; providing for codification; and
13 providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
16 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

17 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Dr. Tom Coburn
18 Act".

19 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 601 of Title 21, unless there is
21 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 As used in this act:

23 1. "Commissioner" means a person selected by resolution of the
24 Legislature to represent this state at an Article V convention for
proposing amendments;

1 2. "Commission" means the resolution or other measure adopted
2 by the Legislature which sets forth the names of the appointed
3 commissioners, the scope of their authority, and other instructions;
4 and

5 3. "Alternate commissioner" means a person selected to fill a
6 vacancy in the delegation.

7 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 602 of Title 21, unless there is
9 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 A. A commissioner or alternate commissioner to a convention for
11 proposing amendments held under Article V of the United States
12 Constitution shall not exceed the scope of his or her authority when
13 acting as a commissioner or alternate commissioner. A commissioner
14 or alternate commissioner exceeds the scope of his or her authority
15 by voting or otherwise acting beyond the authority granted in his or
16 her commission, as altered by any duly issued subsequent
17 instructions provided before the vote or other action.

18 B. A commissioner or alternate commissioner who exceeds the
19 scope of his or her authority shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a
20 felony.

21 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 603 of Title 21, unless there is
23 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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1 Any individual who, while not being privileged by law, knowingly
2 bribes, threatens, intimidates, or obstructs a commissioner,
3 alternate commissioner, or a person representing another state in
4 the capacity of a commissioner or alternate commissioner at a
5 convention held in this state, in the performance of his or her
6 duties, or attempts to do so, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a
7 felony.

8 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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