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Bill: HB 2065

Opponent - Written only Testimony

Conferee: Patricia DeDamos

Representing: Self

Dear Chairman and Members,

Please do not support HB 2065 as written.

Specifically Sec. 3 under (a) 1 through 6, it appears to be written that certain legislators can pick another legislator **with no other check or balance**. A Convention of States delegate should not have a vested interest in their own political future. Current Convention of States resolution would like to propose term limits for politicians. It is highly likely that those in a leadership positions would be agreeable to term limits, they would appoint a delegate that thinks like them, thus tying up the whole purpose, unless that the point of this bill?

Another issue is under Section 3 (b)- the delegate and alternates shall only be members of the legislature. I agree you would want someone with some sort of experience and not a potato head to be a delegate, however limiting to the small pool of current legislators and not allowing others to be nominated is far to limiting.

There needs to be some sort of balance in the process to approving the delegate. The whole body of the legislature as the Peoples Representatives could get to vote on the delegates and alternates sent to a Convention of States.

The way this bill is written lends its self to be tyrannical and very power centric in the hands of a few. Our Constitutional Republic requires checks and balances.

Thank you for taking this into consideration about HB 2065.

Sincerely,

Patricia DeDamos