

The House Committee on Governmental Affairs offers the following substitute to HR 900:

A RESOLUTION

1 Providing for delegates from the General Assembly of Georgia to the Assembly of State
2 Legislatures; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Assembly of State Legislatures is a bipartisan group of currently serving
4 state legislators from across the country who recognize that the states have a responsibility
5 under federalism to work together to solve problems of national concern; and

6 WHEREAS, the mission of the Assembly of State Legislatures is to work together as states,
7 under the authority of Article V of the United States Constitution, to find solutions to the
8 problems of our country that are not being properly addressed by the federal government; and

9 WHEREAS, the Assembly's desire is to convene in a politically pure environment comprised
10 only of state legislators. The intent of the framers of the Constitution of the United States was
11 to ensure the government derives its power from the will of the people, and this must be done
12 only through their elected state representatives and not special interest groups. No outside
13 organization is allowed to be involved in any way in the Assembly; and

14 WHEREAS, the first step is to discuss and draft an agenda for a convention of the states for
15 the sole purpose of writing the rules that would govern any Article V conventions for
16 proposing amendments; and

17 WHEREAS, establishing such rules will:

18 (1) Cultivate the communication and interaction of state legislators, fostering a
19 re-balance of power under our federal system; and

20 (2) Ensure that a prudent and cautious process is put in place to govern all future
21 deliberations of the body; and

22 (3) Eliminate the distraction around the process of an Article V convention, thus
23 allowing Article V applications to be analyzed on the merits of its subject matter; and

24 WHEREAS, through this process the states will naturally begin discussions on possible
25 solutions, but it is only prudent to begin with putting rules and procedures in place that bring
26 transparent integrity to the process that was specifically left to the states by the founders of
27 this nation.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
29 GEORGIA that there shall be a delegation from the General Assembly to the Assembly of
30 State Legislatures described above, which shall consist of six voting delegates and six
31 alternate delegates as follows:

32 (1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members of the
33 House of Representatives as voting delegates and two members of the House of
34 Representatives as alternate delegates;

35 (2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint two members of the Senate
36 as voting delegates and two members of the Senate as alternate delegates;

37 (3) The leader of the minority party in the House of Representatives shall appoint one
38 member of the House of Representatives as a voting delegate and one member of the
39 House of Representatives as an alternate delegate; and

40 (4) The leader of the minority party in the Senate shall appoint one member of the Senate
41 as a voting delegate and one member of the Senate as an alternate delegate.

42 In no event shall more than four voting members of the General Assembly's delegation be
43 members of the same political party. All delegates shall serve for terms coinciding with their
44 terms as members of the General Assembly. Any vacancy in a position of delegate shall be
45 filled in the same manner as the original appointment. In the event a voting delegate is
46 temporarily unable to attend to his or her duties as such, the respective appointing authority
47 may designate an alternate delegate to act as a voting delegate until such time as the
48 temporary inability ceases.