

Amendment No. 2 to SB2452

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2452

House Bill No. 1973

by deleting § 3-18-104 from SECTION 1 and substituting instead the following:

3-18-104. Sessions of the general assembly related to a convention of states.

(a) If the legislature of another state passes a resolution calling for a convention of states and the general assembly is in regular session, the general assembly may consider whether to participate in that convention of states during that regular session or in later regular sessions.

(b) If the legislature of another state passes a resolution calling for a convention of states and the general assembly is not in regular session, the general assembly may consider whether to participate in that convention of states in the next regular general assembly session. However, if the governor or general assembly determines the topic of the proposed convention of states requires urgent attention by the general assembly, the governor may call a special session pursuant to Article III, § 9 of the Constitution of Tennessee or the general assembly may call a special session pursuant to Article II, § 8 of the Constitution of Tennessee for the limited purposes of considering whether the general assembly should pass a joint resolution calling for this state to participate in that convention and to take any further actions pursuant to this chapter.

(c)

(1) For conventions of states that are not Article V conventions, if this state has chosen to participate in a convention of states and the general assembly is not in session on the date one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the start of that convention of states, the governor shall call the general assembly into special session pursuant to Article III, § 9 of the Constitution of Tennessee at

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least one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the start of the convention of states for the purpose of taking the actions prescribed in this chapter.

(2) If Congress calls an Article V convention, the governor shall immediately call the general assembly into special session pursuant to Article III, § 9 of the Constitution of Tennessee for the purposes of taking the actions prescribed in this chapter. Once called into session, the general assembly shall first decide by joint resolution whether to participate in the Article V convention called by the United States congress. If such joint resolution is passed, the general assembly shall participate in the Article V convention in accordance with this chapter. If such joint resolution fails, the general assembly shall not participate in the Article V convention and shall not follow the further actions prescribed in this chapter.

(d) For all conventions of states, including Article V conventions in which the general assembly has resolved to participate pursuant to subsection (c)(2), the general assembly shall remain in regular session or special session until at least twenty (20) business days after the convention of states permanently adjourns, but the general assembly shall adjourn until such time when debates or votes are required that are related to any convention of states in progress unless other business is being conducted by the general assembly unrelated to the convention of states. While the general assembly is so adjourned, no additional expenses shall be incurred related to the convention of states by members of the general assembly who are not members of the convention of states joint committee.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the language "and the general assembly has resolved to participate in that convention pursuant to § 3-18-104(c)(2)" immediately following the language "United States congress" in § 3-18-105 in SECTION 1.