



2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 20

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AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** rules and procedures for convening an Article V convention proposing
2 amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

3 Whereas, the founders of this great nation set forth on the Earth an enduring
4 Republic and charged future generations with the solemn duty of its preservation;
5 and

6 Whereas, the Constitution of these United States, which is the cornerstone of
7 this Republic, establishes the process to propose and ratify amendments to itself,
8 including a process reserved for the state legislatures in Article V of the United
9 States Constitution; and

10 Whereas, the State of Wisconsin recognizes that this process to amend the
11 United States Constitution should by right be held in esteem, worthy of the sacrifice
12 of our founders; and

13 Whereas, the State of Wisconsin recognizes that a preexisting set of rules and
14 procedures to convene a convention for proposing amendments under Article V of the

1 United States Constitution is desirable to ensure that such a convention functions
2 effectively and decisively; and

3 Whereas, the State of Wisconsin recognizes that the Assembly of State
4 Legislatures, made up of a bipartisan group of state legislators from 45 states, has
5 met over a period of four years to carefully craft and consider rules and procedures
6 for the convening of an Article V convention; now, therefore, be it

7 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
8 Legislature declares that should a convention for proposing amendments under
9 Article V of the United States Constitution be called, the State of Wisconsin shall
10 recognize the rules and procedures adopted by the Assembly of State Legislatures
11 on June 17, 2016, as the official rules and procedures to convene such a convention.

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