

One Hundred Sixth Legislature - Second Session - 2020

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LR297

Chairperson: Senator Mike Hilgers

Committee: Executive Board

Date of Hearing: February 27, 2020

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LR 297 would apply a sunset date of January 1, 2021 to any and all previous applications by the Nebraska Legislature to Congress for a constitutional convention under Article V of the United States Constitution. The resolution would also institute a sunset date of seven years for any future Article V applications by the Nebraska Legislature to Congress, to ensure that applications before Congress reflect the beliefs of current state legislatures.

LR 297 recognizes that the most recent application in Nebraska was passed more than 40 years ago, and that only one member in the present Legislature has voted on any of the pending applications. The resolution promotes good governmental practices by cleaning out antiquated resolutions that are treated by law as the will of the current Nebraska Legislature, and allows future legislatures to approach the possibility of a constitutional convention with a clean slate.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Robert Hilkemann