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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SCR 4012

SUBMITTED BY:

SEN DAVID CLEMENS

DIST 16

I AM SEN DAVID CLEMENS FROM DISTRICT 16 AND AM HERE TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION 4012.

RESOLUTION 4012 IS A RESOLUTION TO RESIND ALL PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS FROM NORTH DAKOTA CALLING FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF STATES.

AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION IS ALLOWED IN ARTICLE V OF THE US CONSTITUTION AS A WAY FOR THE STATES TO REQUEST THE US CONGRESS TO CALL A CONVENTION WHEN REQUESTED BY 2/3 OF THE STATES, NAMELY 34 STATES. THE PURPOSE OF THE CONVENTION WOULD BE TO OFFER AMENDMENTS TO THE US CONSTITUTION FOR VARIOUS REASONS.

HOWEVER, THE REASON FOR THIS RESOLUTION IS CONCERNS FOR WHAT A CONVENTION COULD BRING. ARTICLE V DOES NOT SAY OR GUARANTEE WHO CAN BE DELEGATES, HOW DELEGATES ARE SELECTED, HOW MANY AMENDMENTS CAN BE OFFERED, HOW EACH STATE COULD BE REPRESENTED AND FINALLY, WHAT RULES WOULD EVEN BE ADOPTED FOR THE CONVENTION. THE CONVENTION COULD RESULT IN AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS WHICH COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR CONSTITUTION.

FOR THESE REASONS, I WOULD ASK THAT YOU RECOMMEND A DO PASS FOR SCR 4012.

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