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**Prime Sponsor:** Laursen

**Catch Title:** Limitations on delegates-constitution amendment conventions.

**Subject:** Limitations on delegates to a U.S. Constitution Article V convention.

**Summary/Major Elements:**

- A United States Constitution Article V convention is a convention of the states gathered to propose amendments to the United States Constitution.
- The bill requires delegates to an Article V convention to be certified and to take an oath regarding the scope of their actions. A delegate who violates the oath is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years, a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.
- Each delegate must receive certification from the Wyoming Secretary of State, must follow legislative instructions and statutory requirements, and may not vote for any unauthorized constitutional amendment.
- The bill clarifies that existing state statutes regarding a state convention refer to a state convention to ratify a proposed federal Constitution amendment. The bill also eliminates provisions for a county convention and the precinct-level meetings of electors to choose delegates to a county convention.

**Comments:**

- The bill requires a legislative appointment in the event of a federal Article V convention. The Wyoming Senate shall elect three members of the Senate to serve as delegates, and the members of the House of Representatives shall elect three members of the House of Representatives to serve as delegates. The president of the Senate and the speaker of the House shall assign alternates when necessary.

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