

The ASSEMBLY of STATE LEGISLATURES

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The Assembly of State Legislatures to Meet in Philadelphia June 16-17

PHILADELPHIA (June 13, 2016) – More than 60 state legislators representing 28 states will meet this week to complete a multi-year effort to establish the procedural rules needed to hold a state-led convention for proposing amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

The meeting will be held in Philadelphia June 16 and 17 at the National Constitution Center on Independence Mall.

Article V of the U.S. Constitution authorizes states to call an amendment convention; however no such convention has ever been held in the history of the country. The Assembly of State Legislatures, comprised of currently serving state lawmakers of both political parties from across the country, has been working for two-and-a-half years to establish the rules of procedure needed to hold a state-led amendment convention should one be called by the states in the future.

The group first met in December 2013 at George Washington's historic Mount Vernon estate in Virginia, and has held additional meetings since then in Indianapolis, Denver, Washington D.C. and Salt Lake City.

The goal of the Philadelphia meeting is to finalize and vote on a package of rules that would govern a state-led amendment convention.

The Assembly of State Legislatures is not considering or endorsing any specific constitutional amendments. Rather, it is solely focused on establishing the rules needed to hold a potential state-led amendment convention in the future.

More information on the Assembly of State Legislatures is available at www.theasl.org.

MEDIA CREDENTIALING INSTRUCTIONS:

The Philadelphia meeting of the Assembly of State Legislatures is open to the media. Members of the media wishing to attend must be credentialed. To obtain a credential, please contact Skip Brown at skip.brown@iga.in.gov or 317-503-6976.

MEDIA SEATING:

Seating for the media will be available in the back rows of the Kirby Auditorium at the National Constitution Center.

MEETING ITINERARY:

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. ET on Thursday, June 16 and conclude by 2 p.m. ET on Friday, June 17. A full agenda for the meeting is attached.

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