

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 637

Short Title: Constitutional Conv./Laws Apply to Congress. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rouzer; and Brock.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT APPLYING TO CONGRESS TO CALL A CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING AN
3 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES THAT
4 CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW THAT APPLIES TO THE CITIZENS OF THE
5 UNITED STATES THAT DOES NOT APPLY EQUALLY TO THE SENATORS OR
6 REPRESENTATIVES AND CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW THAT APPLIES TO
7 THE SENATORS OR REPRESENTATIVES THAT DOES NOT APPLY EQUALLY TO
8 THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES.

9 Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides that upon the
10 application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states, Congress shall call a convention for
11 the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution; Now, therefore,
12 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

13 **SECTION 1.** The North Carolina General Assembly applies and makes application
14 to the Congress of the United States to call a convention pursuant to Article V of the United
15 States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing a constitutional amendment to provide
16 that Congress shall make no law that applies to the citizens of the United States that does not
17 apply equally to the Senators and Representatives and Congress shall make no law that applies
18 to the Senators and Representatives that does not apply equally to the citizens of the United
19 States.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act is repealed and the application withdrawn, nullified, and
21 superseded to the same effect as if it had never been passed, and retroactive to the date of
22 enactment if it is used for the purpose of calling a convention or used in support of conducting
23 a convention to amend the Constitution of the United States for any purpose other than
24 consideration of the amendment proposed in this act, other than further amendments that the
25 North Carolina General Assembly also makes application for.

26 **SECTION 3.** Delegates to such Convention, when called, shall be selected
27 according to procedures established by the legislatures of the several states.

28 **SECTION 4.** The Secretary of State shall transmit copies of this act to the Speaker
29 and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary of
30 the United States Senate, and the members of the North Carolina Congressional Delegation so
31 that they may be apprised of the sense of the North Carolina General Assembly in this matter.

32 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

