Amending the Constitution by Convention: The States’ Role
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SESSION DESCRIPTION

Under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, state legislatures can force Congress to call a "convention for proposing amendments" if two thirds of the legislatures agree. Perhaps a third of the states have already taken action, and many others are considering it. If two thirds of the states call for a convention would your state be prepared to elect delegates? Hear legislators and experts discuss the issues states should examine when electing delegates to represent their interests at a convention.

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