

HR 1742

Article V Records Transparency Act of 2017

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 21, 2017
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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Article V Records Transparency Act of 2017

This bill directs the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to make and transmit to Congress an organized compilation of all applications and rescissions of applications ever made by states under article V of the Constitution to call a convention for proposing constitutional amendments.

NARA must: (1) use NARA records and outside sources to obtain an official copy of any application or rescission that may not be in such records, (2) submit a report on the extent of suspected missing applications or rescissions not included in each compilation, and (3) catalog the applications and rescissions by year of submission and state.

The committees on the judiciary in each chamber shall designate the applications and rescissions contained in such compilation for public availability on a website and update the compilation as specified.

In order to simplify and make uniform the process by which state legislatures make such an application or rescission, Congress recommends that after adoption of an application or rescission by a state legislature, the secretary of state or other state official should submit at least two copies of the measure containing the application or rescission to Congress, one copy addressed to the President of the Senate and one copy to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 21, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Mar 27, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 27, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.