

THE TENTH AMENDMENT TO THE US CONSTITUTION:

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

Have you considered the differences between an Article V convention and states exercising the 10th Amendment?

WITH The 10th Amendment, the Constitution is left intact.

WITH A CONVENTION, the Constitution is changed – and possibly even scrapped altogether.

WITH The 10th Amendment, responsibility is reserved to the states respectively, **OR** to the people.

WITH A CONVENTION, responsibility is given to a deliberative body comprising delegates
Congress would select (unless it relinquished that authority to the states).

WITH The 10th Amendment, the result is known.

WITH A CONVENTION, results cannot be guaranteed, even through ratification, the alleged safety net. The language of any proposed amendment is not formulated until the convention delegates are in session and debate the issues. And, according to law, they need not adhere to any rules the “Assemblies of State Legislatures” have made.

WITH The 10th Amendment, the Constitution delegates authority to the elected state legislatures respectively, or to the people.

WITH A CONVENTION, no one knows who the delegates will be.

WITH The 10th Amendment, there are no amendments to ratify.

WITH A CONVENTION, should flawed amendments come through the process due to untoward influence on the delegates, a great deal of money and mass media support could cause the ratification of amendments that subtly subvert the original intent of the Constitution. And not necessarily by three-fourths of the state legislatures. The amendments could instead be sent to state ratifying conventions for the purpose of circumventing the state legislatures. The rules of ratification could be changed by the convention delegates.

WITH The 10th Amendment, states can act alone without waiting for others.

WITH A CONVENTION, a convention can't act until 34 states have valid applications.

WITH The 10th Amendment, we can return to the “laboratories of liberty” we were intended to be.

WITH A CONVENTION, we still have not exercised state sovereignty, and we are all stuck under the same laws, without regard for the difference in needs of the various states.