

HOUSE BILL NO. 5151

October 28, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Meerman, Johnsen, Fox, Greene, Woolford, Bierlein, Wozniak, Green, Kunse and Steele and referred to Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to prohibit a commissioner representing this state at a convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States from exceeding that commissioner's scope of authority; to prohibit an individual from bribing, threatening, intimidating, or obstructing a commissioner; and to prescribe penalties.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Commission" means the resolution adopted by the
3 legislature that sets forth the names of the appointed
4 commissioners, the scope of the commissioners' authority, and other

1 instructions.

2 (b) "Commissioner" means an individual selected by resolution
3 of the legislature to represent this state as part of a delegation
4 to a convention, or an interim commissioner selected to temporarily
5 fill a vacancy in the delegation.

6 (c) "Convention" means a convention held under Article V of
7 the Constitution of the United States to propose amendments to the
8 Constitution of the United States.

9 Sec. 2. (1) A commissioner shall not exceed the scope of that
10 commissioner's authority when acting in an official capacity as a
11 commissioner. A commissioner exceeds the scope of authority by
12 voting or otherwise acting beyond the authority granted to the
13 commissioner in the commission and any other duly issued subsequent
14 instructions provided by the legislature, before the vote or other
15 action is taken.

16 (2) A commissioner who exceeds the scope of that
17 commissioner's authority is guilty of a felony punishable by
18 imprisonment for not more than 5 years.

19 Sec. 3. An individual who, while not being privileged by law,
20 knowingly bribes, threatens, intimidates, or obstructs or attempts
21 to bribe, threaten, intimidate, or obstruct a commissioner, or an
22 individual representing another state in the capacity of a
23 commissioner at a convention held in this state, from performing
24 that individual's official duties is guilty of a felony punishable
25 by imprisonment for not more than 5 years.