DOJ acknowledges Receipt of NARA Rulemaking Petition and Complaint

In a letter of receipt dated April 22, 2015, the Department of Justice acknowledged receipt of the NARA petition filed earlier by Bill Walker of FOAVC. Part of this petition addresses the issue of voter disenfranchisement in several states by enactment of state laws intended to remove the people from any participation in delegate selection for an Article V Convention as well as subjecting convention delegates to felony arrest should they fail to follow “instructions” issued them by a select group of state officials, usually numbering no more than two or three individuals.

The petition was assigned the formal identification number of 3016394.

In other related news, in an April 30, 2015 letter the Office of the Federal Register acknowledged receipt of the petition but Miriam E. Vincent, Acting Director of Legal Affairs and Policy Division of the Office of the Federal Register explained that the Federal Register does not modify NARA policy. However Ms. Vincent noted that she has forwarded the petition to the appropriate NARA office for its review and response. The letters are printed below.
U.S. Department of Justice
Mail Referral Unit
Washington, D.C. 20530

April 22, 2015

Bill Walker
P O Box 1242
Auburn, WA 98071-1242

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter dated April 4, 2015 to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, or Associate Attorney General, which was received by the Department of Justice, Mail Referral Unit, on April 22, 2015 and assigned ID number 3016394.

Your letter will be reviewed and if a response or an update is necessary it will be sent to you within 60 business days. If you have any questions, please contact us at (301) 583-7350 and refer to your ID number 3016394 when requesting any information concerning your correspondence.

Sincerely,

Mail Referral Unit
Department of Justice
April 30, 2015

Bill Walker  
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Auburn, WA 98071

Dear Mr. Walker:

The Office of the Federal Register has received your package with the “Proposed Article V Convention Call By the Congress of the United States” and “A Petition for Commencement of Rule Making Activities by the National Archives and Records Administration.”

The Office of the Federal Register publishes documents, including proposed rules and rules as part of rulemaking actions, on behalf of other Federal agencies. We do not initiate rulemaking for any agency and we are not authorized to interpret another agency’s regulations, even for the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Although NARA is our parent agency, we cannot modify NARA regulations. Our only connection to the Constitutional amendment process is that we receive and record State ratification after State action. If you want Congress to take an action, you will need to contact your members of Congress directly.

Therefore, we have forwarded your package requesting that NARA amend its regulations to the appropriate office within NARA. That office will respond to your request.

Sincerely,

MIRIAM E VINCENT  
Acting Director, Legal Affairs and Policy Division  
Office of the Federal Register  
National Archives and Records Administration