

(II) BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE BOARD OF EACH PARTICIPATING STATE THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE APPLYING STATE HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

(C) (1) A PARTICIPATING STATE MAY WITHDRAW FROM THIS COMPACT BY OFFICIAL WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH PARTICIPATING STATE, BUT THE WITHDRAWAL MAY NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL 90 DAYS AFTER THE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL IS GIVEN.

(2) THE NOTICE SHALL BE DIRECTED TO THE COMPACT ADMINISTRATOR OF EACH MEMBER STATE.

(3) A WITHDRAWAL OF ANY STATE MAY NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF THIS COMPACT AS TO THE REMAINING PARTICIPATING STATES.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPACT

(A) THIS COMPACT MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME. EACH PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHALL BE PRESENTED IN RESOLUTION FORM TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COMPACT ADMINISTRATORS AND SHALL BE INITIATED BY ONE OR MORE PARTICIPATING STATES.

(B) ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT SHALL REQUIRE ENDORSEMENT BY ALL PARTICIPATING STATES AND SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE LAST ENDORSEMENT.

(C) FAILURE OF A PARTICIPATING STATE TO RESPOND TO THE COMPACT CHAIRMAN WITHIN 120 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHALL CONSTITUTE ENDORSEMENT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

ARTICLE X

CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

THIS COMPACT SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED SO AS TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES STATED IN THE COMPACT. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT SHALL BE SEVERABLE AND IF ANY PHRASE, CLAUSE, SENTENCE, OR PROVISION OF THIS COMPACT IS DECLARED TO BE CONTRARY TO THE CONSTITUTION OF A PARTICIPATING STATE OR OF THE UNITED STATES, OR ITS APPLICABILITY TO ANY GOVERNMENT, UNIT, INDIVIDUAL, OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID, THE VALIDITY OF THE REMAINDER OF THIS COMPACT MAY NOT BE AFFECTED BY THAT INVALIDITY. IF THIS COMPACT SHALL BE HELD CONTRARY TO THE CONSTITUTION OF A PARTICIPATING STATE, THE COMPACT SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS TO THE REMAINING STATES AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS TO THE AFFECTED PARTICIPATING STATE AS TO ALL SEVERABLE MATTERS.

ARTICLE XI

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