

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 48

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE STACY.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing sections 49, 50, and 52(a), of article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting three new sections in lieu thereof relating to ballot initiatives.

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*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:*

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2018, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 49, 50, and 52(a), article III, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and three new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 49, 50, and 52(a), to read as follows:

Section 49. The people reserve power to propose and enact or reject laws ~~and amendments to the constitution~~ by the initiative, independent of the general assembly, and also reserve power to approve or reject by referendum any act of the general assembly, except as hereinafter provided.

Section 50. Initiative petitions ~~[proposing amendments to the constitution shall be signed by eight percent of the legal voters in each of two-thirds of the congressional districts in the state, and petitions]~~ proposing laws shall be signed by ~~[five]~~ **fifteen** percent of ~~[such]~~ **the legal** voters **in each of the congressional districts in the state**. Every such petition shall be filed with the secretary of state not less than six months before the election and shall contain an enacting clause and the full text of the measure. ~~[Petitions for constitutional amendments shall not contain more~~

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

7 ~~than one amended and revised article of this constitution, or one new article which shall not~~  
8 ~~contain more than one subject and matters properly connected therewith, and the enacting clause~~  
9 ~~thereof shall be "Be it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be~~  
10 ~~amended:"]~~ Petitions for laws shall contain not more than one subject which shall be expressed  
11 clearly in the title, and the enacting clause thereof shall be "Be it enacted by the people of the  
12 state of Missouri:".

Section 52(a). A referendum may be ordered (except as to laws necessary for the  
2 immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, and laws making appropriations for  
3 the current expenses of the state government, for the maintenance of state institutions and for the  
4 support of public schools) either by petitions signed by [~~five~~ **fifteen** percent of the legal voters  
5 in each [~~of two-thirds~~] of the congressional districts in the state, or by the general assembly, as  
6 other bills are enacted. Referendum petitions shall be filed with the secretary of state not more  
7 than ninety days after the final adjournment of the session of the general assembly which passed  
8 the bill on which the referendum is demanded.

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