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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Sections 50 and 51 of Article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to constitutional amendments.

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, 2022, 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Section A. Sections 50 and 51, Article III, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 50 and 51, to read as follows:

Section 50. **1.** Initiative petitions proposing amendments to the constitution shall be signed by **[eight]** ~~ten~~ 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 percent of such voters. 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 than one amended and revised article of this constitution, or one new article which shall not contain more than one subject and matters properly connected therewith, and the enacting clause thereof shall be "Be it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:". Petitions for laws shall

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.

10 contain not more than one subject which shall be expressed clearly in the title, and the enacting
11 clause thereof shall be "Be it enacted by the people of the state of Missouri:".

12 **2. Notwithstanding Section 2(b) of Article XII of this Constitution, or any other**
13 **provision of this Constitution or law to the contrary, if two-thirds of the votes cast thereon**
14 **are in favor of any amendment, whether proposed by the general assembly or by initiative,**
15 **the same shall take effect at the end of thirty days after the election.**

Section 51. The initiative shall not be used for the appropriation of money other than of
2 new revenues created and provided for thereby, or for any other purpose prohibited by this
3 constitution. Except as provided in this constitution, any measure proposed shall take effect
4 when approved by ~~a majority~~ **two-thirds** of the votes cast thereon. When conflicting measures
5 are approved at the same election the one receiving the largest affirmative vote shall prevail.

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