

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

[PERFECTED]

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 133

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIDSON.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 2(b) of Article XII of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to constitutional amendments.

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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  
2 following the first Monday in November, 2022, or at a special election to be called by the  
3 governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for  
4 adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article XII of the Constitution of the state  
5 of Missouri:

Section A. Section 2(b), Article XII, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one  
2 new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 2(b), to read as follows:

Section 2(b). **1.** All amendments proposed by the general assembly or by the  
2 initiative shall be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection by official ballot title  
3 as may be provided by law, on a separate ballot without party designation, at the next general  
4 election, or at a special election called by the governor prior thereto, at which he may submit  
5 any of the amendments. No such proposed amendment shall contain more than one amended  
6 and revised article of this constitution, or one new article which shall not contain more than  
7 one subject and matters properly connected therewith. If possible, each proposed amendment  
8 shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in two newspapers of different

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.

9 political faith in each county, the last publication to be not more than thirty nor less than  
10 fifteen days next preceding the election. If there be but one newspaper in any county,  
11 publication for four consecutive weeks shall be made. If a majority of the votes cast thereon  
12 is in favor of any amendment **proposed by the general assembly**, the same shall take effect  
13 at the end of thirty days after the election. More than one amendment at the same election  
14 shall be so submitted as to enable the electors to vote on each amendment separately.

15 **2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article III of this Constitution or any other**  
16 **provisions to the contrary, any initiative by the people proposing an amendment to the**  
17 **Constitution shall take effect at the end of thirty days after the election if approved by a**  
18 **vote greater than or equal to a majority of the registered voters in the state and not**  
19 **otherwise. For the purposes of this section, the number of registered voters shall be**  
20 **determined by the number of registered voters entitled to vote at the general, municipal,**  
21 **or primary election, whichever is most recent, immediately preceding the election at**  
22 **which the proposed constitutional amendment is to appear on the ballot.**

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and  
2 laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of  
3 this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official summary statement of this  
4 resolution shall be as follows:

5 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to require a majority of registered voters  
6 to pass constitutional amendments proposed by initiative petition?"

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