

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HAFFNER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 50 of Article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section 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, 2024, 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Section A. Section 50, Article III, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 50, to read as follows:

Section 50. **1.** Initiative petitions proposing amendments to the constitution shall be signed by ~~eight~~ **six** percent of the legal voters, **registered to vote in Missouri and citizens of the United States**, 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

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 the state of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:". Petitions for laws shall contain not
11 more than one subject which shall be expressed clearly in the title, and the enacting clause
12 thereof shall be "Be it enacted by the people of the state of Missouri:". **For purposes of this**
13 **article, only citizens of the United States of America who are residents of and properly**
14 **registered to vote in the state of Missouri shall be considered legal voters.**

15 **2. Notwithstanding Section 52(b) of this article and Section 2(b) of Article XII of**
16 **this Constitution, or any other provisions of this Constitution or laws to the contrary, if**
17 **sixty percent of the votes cast thereon are in favor of any constitutional amendment,**
18 **whether proposed by the general assembly or by the initiative, the same shall take effect**
19 **at the end of thirty days after the election.**

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:

- 6 • Allow only citizens of the United States to qualify as legal voters; and
7 • Require amendments to the constitution be approved by sixty percent of the votes
8 cast?".

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