

HJR 40 -- AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

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Currently, initiative petitions must receive signatures from 8% of voters in two-thirds of the state's Congressional districts in order to place an amendment to the Constitution on the ballot, and signatures from 5% of voters in two-thirds of the state's Congressional districts in order to place a statutory change on the ballot. Upon voter approval, this resolution would require initiative petitions to receive signatures from 6% of voters in all Congressional districts in order to place an amendment to the Constitution on the ballot, and signatures from 5% of voters in all Congressional districts in order to place statutory changes on the ballot.

Currently, amendments to the Constitution placed on the ballot by initiative or the General Assembly require approval from a simple majority of voters in order to pass. Upon voter approval, this resolution would require amendments to the Constitution to receive approval by a vote of 60% of the votes cast thereon in order to pass. This bill does not affect changes to statute that have been placed on the ballot.

Only citizens of the United States who are registered to vote in the state of Missouri shall be considered legal voters for these purposes.