

HJR 43 -- INITIATIVE PETITIONS

SPONSOR: Henderson

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 10% of voters in each Congressional district in order to place an amendment to the Constitution on the ballot, and signatures from 5% of voters in each Congressional district in order to place a statutory change on the ballot.

The Secretary of State shall provide voters in each Congressional district with a period in which to review and comment upon all initiative petitions proposing amendments to the Constitution.

Currently, any measure referred to the people, by initiative petition or by the General Assembly, must receive approval from a simple majority of the votes cast thereon in order to pass. Upon voter approval, this resolution would require any such measure to receive approval from two-thirds of the votes cast thereon in order to pass.

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