

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 119

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HINMAN.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Sections 50, 51, and 52(b) of Article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting three 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
2 following the first Monday in November, 2024, 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 III of the Constitution of the state
5 of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 50, 51, and 52(b), Article III, Constitution of Missouri, are
2 repealed and three new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 50, 51, and
3 52(b), to read as follows:

Section 50. Initiative petitions proposing amendments to the constitution shall be
2 signed by eight percent of the legal voters in each of two-thirds of the congressional districts
3 in the state, and petitions proposing laws shall be signed by five percent of such voters. Every
4 such petition shall be filed with the secretary of state not less than six months before the
5 election and shall contain an enacting clause and the full text of the measure. **Voters in each
6 congressional district shall have the opportunity to review and comment upon all
7 initiative petitions proposing amendments to the constitution following the filing of the
8 petition with the secretary of state and not less than fifteen days before the measure**

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 **appears on the ballot. Such review and comment process shall be administered by the**
 10 **secretary of state in a public forum.** Petitions for constitutional amendments shall not
 11 contain more than one amended and revised article of this constitution, or one new article
 12 which shall not contain more than one subject and matters properly connected therewith, and
 13 the enacting clause thereof shall be "Be it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that
 14 the Constitution be amended:". Petitions for laws shall contain not more than one subject
 15 which shall be expressed clearly in the title, and the enacting clause thereof shall be "Be it
 16 enacted by the people of the state of Missouri:". **For purposes of this article, only citizens**
 17 **of the United States of America who are residents of the state of Missouri and who are**
 18 **properly registered to vote in the state of Missouri shall be considered legal voters.**

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

Section 52(b). The veto power of the governor shall not extend to measures referred
 2 to the people. All elections on measures referred to the people shall be had at the general state
 3 elections, except when the general assembly shall order a special election. Any **statutory**
 4 measure referred to the people shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast
 5 thereon, and not otherwise. **Notwithstanding Section 2(b) of Article XII of this**
 6 **constitution, any constitutional amendment referred to the people shall take effect when**
 7 **approved by fifty-five percent of the votes cast thereon, and not otherwise.** This section
 8 shall not be construed to deprive any member of the general assembly of the right to introduce
 9 any measure.

Section B. Under chapter 116, RSMo, and other applicable constitutional provisions
 2 and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the
 3 submission of a joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official ballot title of the
 4 amendment proposed in Section A 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;
- 7 • Require initiative petitions proposing to amend the constitution to be reviewed by
- 8 the voters in each congressional district; and
- 9 • Require amendments to the constitution be approved by a fifty-five percent vote?".