

HCS HJR 86, 72 & 119 -- BALLOT MEASURES SUBMITTED TO VOTERS
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Upon voter approval, this Constitutional amendment makes numerous changes to the initiative petition process and to the process of approving Constitutional amendments.

Currently, initiative petitions proposing amendments to the Constitution require signatures from 8% of the legal voters in 2/3 of the State's Congressional districts in order to be placed on the ballot. This resolution would require signatures from 8% of the legal voters in all of the state's congressional districts in order to place a Constitutional amendment proposed by initiative petition on the ballot.

This resolution provides that voters in each Congressional district shall have the opportunity to review and comment on initiative petitions proposing amendments to the Constitution in a public forum administered by the Secretary of State.

The resolution specifies that only citizens of the United States who are residents of Missouri and properly registered to vote will be considered legal voters.

This resolution prohibits foreign governments and political parties from sponsoring initiative petitions and from engaging in electoral activity in support of or opposition to an initiative petition.

The resolution requires any amendment to the Constitution to receive a majority of the votes cast both statewide and also in a majority of the State's Congressional districts for approval.

The resolution requires the General Assembly to approve by a vote of at least four-sevenths of the members of each chamber any modification of a statutory measure submitted by initiative petition and approved by voters within two years of the effective date of the change. This does not apply if a court of competent jurisdiction issues a final judgment that declares the measure unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.