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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Sections 2(b) and 3(c) of Article XII of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting five 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, 2026, 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 XII of the Constitution of the state
5 of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 2(b) and 3(c), Article XII, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed
2 and five new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 2(b), 2(c), 2(d), 2(e),
3 and 3(c), to read as follows:

Section 2(b). All amendments proposed by the general assembly or by the initiative
2 shall be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection by official ballot title as may
3 be provided by law, on a separate ballot without party designation, at the next general
4 election, or at a special election called by the governor prior thereto, at which he may submit
5 any of the amendments. No such proposed amendment shall contain more than one amended
6 and revised article of this constitution, or one new article which shall not contain more than
7 one subject and matters properly connected therewith. If possible, each proposed amendment
8 shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in two newspapers of different

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 political faith in each county, the last publication to be not more than thirty nor less than
10 fifteen days next preceding the election. If there be but one newspaper in any county,
11 publication for four consecutive weeks shall be made. [H] **Notwithstanding the provisions**
12 **of Article III, Sections 51 and 52(b) of this constitution, if a majority of the votes cast**
13 **thereon statewide and also a majority of votes cast thereon in each of more than half of**
14 **the congressional districts in the state** is in favor of any amendment, the same shall take
15 effect at the end of thirty days after the election. More than one amendment at the same
16 election shall be so submitted as to enable the electors to vote on each amendment separately.

Section 2(c). It shall be unlawful for:

- 2 (1) **A government of a foreign country or a foreign political party to sponsor an**
3 **initiative petition proposing an amendment to this constitution;**
- 4 (2) **A government of a foreign country or a foreign political party to directly or**
5 **indirectly make:**
 - 6 (a) **A contribution or donation of money or other thing of value, or make an**
7 **express or implied promise to make a contribution or donation, in connection with an**
8 **election on a proposed amendment to this constitution;**
 - 9 (b) **A contribution or donation to a political committee or a political party**
10 **favoring or opposing a proposed amendment to this constitution; or**
 - 11 (c) **An expenditure, independent expenditure, or disbursement for an**
12 **electioneering communication whether print, broadcast, or digital media, or**
13 **otherwise, related to a proposed amendment to this constitution; or**
- 14 (3) **A person to solicit, accept, or receive a contribution or donation from a**
15 **government of a foreign country or a foreign political party in connection with a**
16 **proposed amendment to this constitution.**

Section 2(d). No person shall be eligible to vote on any measure submitted to the
2 **people that amends, repeals, or replaces this constitution, whether pursuant to this**
3 **article or Article III, Section 50 of this constitution, unless such person is a legal resident**
4 **of the state of Missouri and a citizen of the United States of America.**

Section 2(e). Legal voters in each congressional district shall have the
2 **opportunity to review and comment upon all initiative petitions proposing**
3 **amendments to the constitution following the filing of the petition with the secretary**
4 **of state and not less than fifteen days before the measure appears on the ballot. Such**
5 **review and comment process shall be administered by the secretary of state in a public**
6 **forum.**

Section 3(c). Any proposed constitution or constitutional amendment adopted by the
2 **convention shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the state at such time, in such**
3 **manner and containing such separate and alternative propositions and on such official ballot**

4 as may be provided by the convention, at a special election not less than sixty days nor more
5 than six months after the adjournment of the convention. Upon the approval of the
6 constitution or constitutional amendments **by a majority of the votes cast thereon statewide**
7 **and also a majority of votes cast thereon in each of more than half of the congressional**
8 **districts in the state**, the same shall take effect at the end of thirty days after the election.
9 The result of the election shall be proclaimed by the governor.

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 U.S. citizens to vote on constitutional amendments;
 - 7 • Forbid foreign countries from funding constitutional amendments;
 - 8 • Require review of proposed constitutional amendment initiatives by voters in each
9 congressional district; and
 - 10 • Pass constitutional amendments by a majority vote both statewide and in a majority
11 of congressional districts?".

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