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# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE LEWIS.

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Sections 50 and 51 of Article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to initiative petitions.

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*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 III of the Constitution of the state  
5 of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 50 and 51, Article III, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and  
2 two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 50 and 51, to read as  
3 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. Petitions for  
6 constitutional amendments shall not contain more than one amended and revised article of  
7 this constitution, or one new article which shall not contain more than one subject and matters  
8 properly connected therewith, and the enacting clause thereof shall be "Be it resolved by the

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 people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:". Petitions for laws shall  
10 contain not more than one subject which shall be expressed clearly in the title, and the  
11 enacting clause thereof shall be "Be it enacted by the people of the state of Missouri:".

Section 51. 1. The initiative shall not be used for the appropriation of money other  
2 than of new revenues created and provided for thereby, or for any other purpose prohibited by  
3 this constitution. ~~[Except as provided in this constitution, any measure proposed shall take~~  
4 ~~effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon.]~~

5 **2. It shall be unlawful for:**

6 **(1) A government of a foreign country or a foreign political party to sponsor an**  
7 **initiative petition;**

8 **(2) A government of a foreign country or a foreign political party to directly or**  
9 **indirectly make:**

10 **(a) A contribution or donation of money or other thing of value, or make an**  
11 **express or implied promise to make a contribution or donation, in connection with an**  
12 **initiative petition;**

13 **(b) A contribution or donation to a political committee or a political party**  
14 **favoring or opposing an initiative petition; or**

15 **(c) An expenditure, independent expenditure, or disbursement for an**  
16 **electioneering communication whether print, broadcast, or digital media, or**  
17 **otherwise, related to an initiative petition; or**

18 **(3) A person to solicit, accept, or receive a contribution or donation from a**  
19 **government of a foreign country or a foreign political party in connection with an**  
20 **initiative petition.**

21 **3. Any measure proposing laws or constitutional amendments proposed by the**  
22 **general assembly shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast**  
23 **thereon. Notwithstanding Section 52(b) of this article and Section 2(b) of Article XII of**  
24 **this constitution to the contrary, any initiative petition proposing an amendment to this**  
25 **constitution shall take effect when approved by a majority of votes cast thereon**  
26 **statewide by legal voters and also a majority of votes cast thereon in a majority of the**  
27 **congressional districts by legal voters. When conflicting measures are approved at the**  
28 **same election the one receiving the largest affirmative vote shall prevail.**

29 **4. No person shall be eligible to vote on any measure submitted to the people that**  
30 **amends, repeals, or replaces this constitution, whether pursuant to this article or Article**  
31 **XII of this constitution, unless such person is a legal resident and registered voter of the**  
32 **state of Missouri and a citizen of the United States of America.**

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 • Forbid foreign countries from sponsoring or funding initiatives;
- 7 • Allow only citizens and residents of Missouri to vote on constitutional amendments;
- 8 and
- 9 • Pass initiatives by a majority of voters in a majority of congressional districts?".

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