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**HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 1**

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SPARKS.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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 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, 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Section A. Sections 2(b) and 3(c), Article XII, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed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 three new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 2(b), 2(c), and 3(c), to
3 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. **For any amendment submitted to**
12 **the voters by the general assembly**, if a majority of the votes cast thereon is in favor of any
13 amendment, the same shall take effect at the end of thirty days after the election. **For any**
14 **amendment submitted to the voters by the initiative**, if a majority of the votes cast
15 **thereon statewide and also a majority of the votes cast thereon in each of more than half**
16 **of the congressional districts in the state is in favor of the amendment**, the same shall
17 **take effect at the end of thirty days after the election, notwithstanding the provisions of**
18 **article III, sections 51 and section 52(b) of this constitution to the contrary.** More than
19 one amendment at the same election shall be so submitted as to enable the electors to vote on
20 each amendment separately.

Section 2(c). 1. It shall be unlawful for:

2 (1) A foreign national or source connected to a foreign national to sponsor an
3 initiative petition proposing an amendment to this constitution;

4 (2) A foreign national or source connected to a foreign national 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 such a contribution or donation, in connection with
8 an election on a proposed constitution or amendment to this constitution;

9 (b) A contribution or donation to a political committee or a political party in
10 support of or opposition to a proposed constitution or amendment to this constitution;

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 constitution or amendment to this constitution; or

14 (d) A contribution to an individual or entity for the purpose of funding
15 preliminary activity preceding the formation of a committee in support or opposition to
16 a proposed constitution or amendment to this constitution; or

17 (3) A person to solicit, accept, or receive, directly or indirectly, a contribution or
18 donation from a foreign national or source connected to a foreign national in connection
19 with a proposed constitution or amendment to this constitution.

20 2. If an amendment to this constitution is proposed by initiative petition, and the
21 petition proponent, or committee associated with the proponent, knowingly violated this
22 section, the amendment shall be deemed void even if it received the requisite votes for
23 approval.

24 3. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

25 (1) "Foreign national":

- 26 (a) An individual who is not a citizen of the United States of America;
27 (b) A government, or subdivision, of a foreign country or municipality thereof;
28 (c) A foreign political party;
29 (d) Any entity, such as a partnership, association, corporation, organization, or
30 other combination of persons, that is organized under the laws of, or has its principal
31 place of business in, a foreign country; or
32 (e) Any entity organized pursuant to the laws of the United States of America or
33 any state thereof that is wholly or majority owned by a person or entity described in
34 paragraphs (a) to (d) of this subdivision, unless otherwise exempted from the
35 prohibitions of this section by law;
36 (2) "Source connected to a foreign national", any individual or entity that has
37 knowingly or willfully accepted funds totaling in excess of ten thousand dollars from one
38 or more foreign nationals within the preceding four years.

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 • Restrict foreign influence in the constitutional amendment process; and
7 • Require both a majority of votes statewide and a majority of votes in more than half
8 the congressional districts in the state in order to amend the constitution by initiative
9 petition?".

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