

House _____ Amendment
NO. _____

Offered By

AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Joint Resolution No. 3, Page 3, Section 54,
Lines 58-62, by deleting all of said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"5. Notwithstanding Article XII, Sections 2(a) and 2(b) and Article III, Sections 27, 29, 31, 32, and 52(a) of this constitution, and any other provision of law or of this constitution to the contrary, the legislature shall be prohibited from attempting to repeal or amend any law or constitutional provision enacted by citizen initiative unless eighty percent of legislators refer the change to voters. For the purposes of this subsection, the phrase "attempting to repeal or amend any law or constitutional provision enacted by citizen initiative" shall be construed to mean proposing or passing any law or constitutional amendment that, if enacted, would modify, repeal, or supersede, whether in whole or in part, and whether explicitly or by implication, any law or constitutional provision enacted by citizen initiative. This subsection shall be construed to protect not only laws and constitutional provisions enacted by citizen initiative after the effective date of this section but also laws and constitutional provisions enacted by citizen initiative on or prior to the effective date of this section.

6. Notwithstanding Article XII, Sections 2(a) and 2(b) and Article III, Sections 27, 29, 31, 32, and 52(a) of this constitution, and any other provision of law or of this constitution to the contrary, no legislatively referred constitutional amendment shall impede citizens' initiative or referendum power. The phrase "impede citizens' initiative or referendum power" shall be construed broadly including, but not limited to, raising signature thresholds, shortening the time allowed for signature collection, narrowing allowable subject matter, imposing additional requirements on petitioners, preventing or delaying judicial revision of misleading ballot titles, prohibiting or nullifying severability clauses in initiative measures, or rendering a simple

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statewide majority of votes cast on the measure by individual legal voters insufficient to enact a law or constitutional amendment proposed by citizen initiative.

7. Ballot measures proposed by petition or the legislature shall be decided at general elections, except if the governor and eighty percent of legislators approve a special election. Notwithstanding Article XII, Sections 2(a) and 2(b) and Article III, Sections 27, 29, 31, 32, and 52(a) of this constitution, and any other provision of law or of this constitution to the contrary, this subsection shall not be construed to permit any approval of a special election to cover any measure other than the single measure specifically named in the approval resolution.

8. Notwithstanding Article XII, Sections 2(b) and 3(c) of this constitution, citizens shall be allowed to promptly challenge misleading ballot titles, requiring courts to immediately rewrite them to be completely unbiased, clear, accurate, and readable.

9. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of this constitution to the contrary, pre-existing signature and vote requirements shall be maintained, as follows:

(1) A simple statewide majority of votes cast on the measure by individual legal voters shall be sufficient to enact any law or constitutional amendment proposed by initiative petition;

(2) A simple statewide majority of votes cast on the measure by individual legal voters shall be sufficient to reject any law upon which a referendum is ordered by referendum petition;

(3) Signatures from five percent of the individual legal voters in each of two-thirds of Missouri's congressional districts shall be sufficient to propose a law;

(4) Signatures from eight percent of the individual legal voters in each of two-thirds of Missouri's congressional districts shall be sufficient to propose a constitutional amendment;

(5) Signatures from five percent of the individual legal voters in each of two-thirds of Missouri's congressional districts shall be sufficient to order a referendum; and

(6) The number of signatures required shall be calculated based on the total vote for governor at the general election last preceding the filing of any petition."; and

Further amend said bill, page, and section, Lines 63-73, by renumbering subsequent subsections accordingly; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.