

SENATE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 50 of article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to the initiative petition process.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

1 That at the next general election to be held in the state of
2 Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November,
3 2020, or at a special election to be called by the governor for
4 that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters
5 of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment
6 to article III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

7 Section A. Sections 50 and 51, article III, Constitution of
8 Missouri, are repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu
9 thereof, to be known as sections 50 and 51, to read as follows:

10 Section 50. 1. Initiative petitions proposing amendments
11 to the constitution shall be signed by ~~eight~~ fifteen percent of
12 the legal voters in each of ~~two-thirds of~~ the congressional
13 districts in the state, and petitions proposing laws shall be
14 signed by five percent of ~~such~~ the legal voters in each of two-
15 thirds of the congressional districts in the state. Every such
16 petition shall be filed with the secretary of state not less than
17 six months before the election and shall contain an enacting
18 clause and the full text of the measure. Petitions for

1 constitutional amendments shall not contain more than one amended
2 and revised article of this constitution, or one new article
3 which shall not contain more than one subject and matters
4 properly connected therewith, and the enacting clause thereof
5 shall be "Be it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri
6 that the Constitution be amended:". Petitions for laws shall
7 contain not more than one subject which shall be expressed
8 clearly in the title, and the enacting clause thereof shall be
9 "Be it enacted by the people of the state of Missouri:".

10 2. Notwithstanding section 2(b) of article XII of this
11 constitution to the contrary, any initiative petition proposing
12 an amendment to the constitution shall take effect at the end of
13 thirty days after the election when approved by at least a two-
14 thirds majority of the votes cast thereon, provided that for any
15 initiative petition proposing an amendment to the constitution
16 that was approved prior to December 3, 2020, an initiative
17 petition proposing an amendment solely to repeal the approved
18 amendment, without any additional modifications or new language,
19 shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast
20 thereon.

21 3. Any initiative petition proposing laws shall take effect
22 when approved by at least a majority of the votes cast thereon.

23 Section 51. The initiative shall not be used for the
24 appropriation of money other than of new revenues created and
25 provided for thereby, or for any other purpose prohibited by this
26 constitution. [Except as provided in this constitution, any
27 measure proposed shall take effect when approved by a majority of
28 the votes cast thereon.] When conflicting measures are approved

1 at the same election the one receiving the largest affirmative
2 vote shall prevail.