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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

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 procedures for
ballot measures submitted to the voters.

*Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:*

That at the next general election to be held in the
2  state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday
3  in November, 2024, or at a special election to be called by
4  the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to
5  the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or
6  rejection, the following amendment to article III of the
7  Constitution of the state of Missouri:

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2  of Missouri, are repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu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

Section 50.  Initiative petitions proposing amendments
2  to the constitution shall be signed by eight percent of the
3  legal voters in each of two-thirds of the congressional
4  districts in the state, and petitions proposing laws shall
5  be signed by five percent of such voters.  Every such
6  petition shall be filed with the secretary of state not less
7  than six months before the election and shall contain an
8  enacting clause and the full text of the measure.  Voters in
9  each congressional district shall have the opportunity to
10  review and comment upon all initiative petitions proposing

11 amendments to the constitution following the filing of the

12 petition with the secretary of state and not less than

13 fifteen days before the measure appears on the ballot.  Such

14 review and comment process shall be administered by the

15 secretary of state in a public forum.  Petitions for

16 constitutional amendments shall not contain more than one

17 amended and revised article of this constitution, or one new

18 article which shall not contain more than one subject and

19 matters properly connected therewith, and the enacting

20 clause thereof shall be "Be it resolved by the people of the

21 state of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:".

22 Petitions for laws shall contain not more than one subject

23 which shall be expressed clearly in the title, and the

24 enacting clause thereof shall be "Be it enacted by the

25 people of the state of Missouri:".  For purposes of this

26 article, only citizens of the United States of America who

27 are residents of the State of Missouri and who are properly

28 registered to vote in the State of Missouri shall be

29 considered legal voters.

Section 51.  The initiative shall not be used for the

2 appropriation of money other than of new revenues created

3 and provided for thereby, or for any other purpose

4 prohibited by this constitution.  Except as provided in this

5 constitution, any measure **[**proposed**]** proposing laws shall

6 take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast

7 thereon.  Any constitutional amendment proposed by the

8 initiative or by the general assembly shall take effect when

9 approved by sixty percent of the votes cast thereon.  When

10 conflicting measures are approved at the same election the

11 one receiving the largest affirmative vote shall prevail.

Section B.  Under chapter 116, RSMo, and other

2 applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state

3 allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for

4    the submission of a joint resolution to the voters of this

5    state, the official ballot title of the amendment proposed

6    in Section A shall be as follows:

7         "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

8    •    Allows only citizens of the United States to qualify as

9         legal voters;

10   •    Require initiative petitions proposing to amend the

11        constitution to be reviewed by the voters in each

12        congressional district; and

13   •    Require amendments to the constitution be approved by a

14        sixty percent vote?".