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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing sections 50, 51, and 52(b) of article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting five new sections in lieu thereof relating to limitations on the legislative process.

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, 2022, 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, 51, and 52(b), article III,
2 Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and five new sections
3 adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 49(a), 50, 51,
4 52(b), and 54, to read as follows:

Section 49(a). This amendment shall be known as the
2 **"Protecting the Missouri Constitution Act".**

Section 50. 1. Initiative petitions proposing
2 amendments to the constitution shall be signed by eight
3 percent of the legal voters, **registered to vote in Missouri**
4 **and citizens of the United States**, in each of two-thirds of
5 the congressional districts in the state, and petitions
6 proposing laws shall be signed by five percent of such
7 voters. **No initiative petition proposing an amendment to**

8 **this constitution or proposing a law shall purport to enter**
9 **the state of Missouri into a national compact for the**
10 **purpose of electing the president of the United States based**
11 **upon the national popular vote.** Every such petition shall
12 be filed with the secretary of state not less than six
13 months before the election and shall contain an enacting
14 clause and the full text of the measure. Petitions for
15 constitutional amendments shall not contain more than one
16 amended and revised article of this constitution, or one new
17 article which shall not contain more than one subject and
18 matters properly connected therewith, and the enacting
19 clause thereof shall be "Be it resolved by the people of the
20 state of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:".
21 Petitions for laws shall contain not more than one subject
22 which shall be expressed clearly in the title, and the
23 enacting clause thereof shall be "Be it enacted by the
24 people of the state of Missouri:". **For purposes of this**
25 **article, only citizens of the United States of America who**
26 **are residents of the State of Missouri and who are properly**
27 **registered to vote in the State of Missouri shall be**
28 **considered legal voters.**

29 **2. Notwithstanding Section 2(b) of Article XII of this**
30 **Constitution, or any other provisions of this Constitution**
31 **or laws to the contrary, if two-thirds of the votes cast**
32 **thereon by the legal voters are in favor of any**
33 **constitutional amendment proposed or by initiative the same**
34 **shall take effect at the end of thirty days after the**
35 **election.**

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 shall take effect when
6 approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon **by the**
7 **legal voters**. When conflicting measures are approved at the
8 same election the one receiving the largest affirmative vote
9 shall prevail.

Section 52(b). The veto power of the governor shall
2 not extend to measures referred to the people. All
3 elections on measures referred to the people shall be had at
4 the general state elections, except when the general
5 assembly shall order a special election. Any measure
6 referred to the people shall take effect when approved by a
7 majority of the votes cast thereon **by the legal voters**, and
8 not otherwise. This section shall not be construed to
9 deprive any member of the general assembly of the right to
10 introduce any measure.

Section 54. The general assembly shall not have power
2 **to enter the state of Missouri into a national compact for**
3 **the purpose of electing the president of the United States**
4 **based upon the national popular vote.**

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, 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 this joint resolution to the voters of
5 this state, the official summary statement of this
6 resolution shall be as follows:

7 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:
8 • Restrict signing initiative petitions and
9 voting on ballot measures to legal voters;
10 • Require a two-thirds majority in order for
11 initiative petitions proposing constitutional
12 amendments to take effect; and

13 • Prohibit Missouri from joining any national
14 compact to elect the United States President
15 based upon the national popular vote?".

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