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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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 initiative petitions.

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2 of Missouri, are repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu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. **1.** Initiative petitions proposing
2 amendments to the constitution shall be signed by
3 **[eight]** **seven** percent of the legal voters in each of two-
4 thirds of the congressional districts in the state, and
5 petitions proposing laws shall be signed by five percent of
6 such voters. Every such petition shall be filed with the
7 secretary of state not less than six months before the
8 election and shall contain an enacting clause and the full
9 text of the measure. Petitions for constitutional
10 amendments shall not contain more than one amended and

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

11 revised article of this constitution, or one new article
12 which shall not contain more than one subject and matters
13 properly connected therewith, and the enacting clause
14 thereof shall be "Be it resolved by the people of the state
15 of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:". Petitions
16 for laws shall contain not more than one subject which shall
17 be expressed clearly in the title, and the enacting clause
18 thereof shall be "Be it enacted by the people of the state
19 of Missouri:".

20 **2. Only United States citizens who are registered to**
21 **vote in Missouri as provided by law may vote on any**
22 **initiative petition submitted to the people.**

23 **3. Notwithstanding section 2(b) of article XII of this**
24 **constitution to the contrary, any initiative petition**
25 **proposing an amendment to the constitution shall take effect**
26 **at the end of thirty days after the election when approved**
27 **by a majority of the total number of registered voters in**
28 **the state, and not otherwise. For purposes of this**
29 **subsection, the number of registered voters shall be**
30 **determined based on the number of people who were registered**
31 **to vote at the time of the most recent state election,**
32 **whether primary or general election, preceding the election**
33 **at which the measure will be voted on.**

34 **4. Any initiative petition proposing laws shall take**
35 **effect when approved by at least a majority of the votes**
36 **cast thereon.**

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
5 this constitution, any measure proposed shall take effect
6 when approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon.]

7 When conflicting measures are approved at the same election
8 the 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 • Limit voting on initiative petitions to
9 United States citizens;
- 10 • Reduce the number of signatures required to
11 place an initiative petition proposing a
12 constitutional amendment on the ballot;
- 13 • Require approval of a majority of registered
14 Missouri voters to pass an initiative petition
15 to change the constitution?".

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