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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ROWDEN.

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

Section A. Sections 50 and 51, article III, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 50 and 51, to read as follows:

Section 50. 1. Initiative petitions proposing amendments to the constitution shall be signed by eight percent of the legal voters in each of two-thirds of the congressional districts in the state, and petitions proposing laws shall be signed by five percent of such voters. Every such petition shall be filed with the secretary of state not less than six months before the election and shall contain an enacting clause and the full text of the measure. Petitions for constitutional amendments shall not contain more than one amended and
revised article of this constitution, or one new article
which shall not contain more than one subject and matters
properly connected therewith, and the enacting clause
thereof shall be "Be it resolved by the people of the state
of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:". Petitions
for laws shall contain not more than one subject which shall
be expressed clearly in the title, and the enacting clause
thereof shall be "Be it enacted by the people of the state
of Missouri:".

2. Notwithstanding section 2(b) of article XII of this
constitution to the contrary, any initiative petition
proposing an amendment to the constitution shall take effect
at the end of thirty days after the election when approved
by at least sixty percent of the votes cast thereon.

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

Section 51. The initiative shall not be used for the
appropriation of money other than of new revenues created
and provided for thereby, or for any other purpose
prohibited by this constitution. [Except as provided in
this constitution, any measure proposed shall take effect
when approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon.] When conflicting measures are approved at the same election
the one receiving the largest affirmative vote shall prevail.

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other
applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state
allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for
the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of
this state, the official summary statement of this
resolution shall be as follows:
"Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to require approval of at least sixty percent of the voters in order for an initiative petition proposing a constitutional amendment to take effect?".