

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS NOS. 47, 30, & 10

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing sections 2(b) and 3(c) of article XII of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting three new sections in lieu thereof relating to constitutional amendments.

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, 2026, 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 XII of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 2(b) and 3(c), article XII, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and three new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 2(b), 2(c), and 3(c), to read as follows:

Section 2(b). All amendments proposed by the general assembly or by the initiative shall be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection by official ballot title as may be provided by law, on a separate ballot without party designation, at the next general election, or at a special election called by the governor prior thereto, at which he may submit any of the amendments. No such proposed amendment shall contain more than one amended and revised article of this constitution, or one new article [which shall not]. No such proposed amendment shall contain more than one subject and matters properly connected therewith. If possible, each proposed amendment shall be

published once a week for two consecutive weeks in two newspapers of different political faith in each county, the last publication to be not more than thirty nor less than fifteen days next preceding the election. If there be but one newspaper in any county, publication for four consecutive weeks shall be made. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article III, Section 51 of this Constitution, if a majority of the votes cast thereon [is] statewide and also a majority of votes cast thereon in each of more than half of the state house of representatives districts are in favor of any amendment, the same shall take effect at the end of thirty days after the election. More than one amendment at the same election shall be so submitted as to enable the electors to vote on each amendment separately.

Section 2(c). 1. It shall be unlawful for:

(1) A foreign national or source connected to a foreign national to sponsor an initiative petition proposing an amendment to this constitution;

(2) A foreign national or source connected to a foreign national to directly or indirectly make:

(a) A contribution or donation of money or other thing of value, or make an express or implied promise to make such a contribution or donation, in connection with an election on a proposed constitution or amendment to this constitution;

(b) A contribution or donation to a political committee or a political party in support of or opposition to a proposed constitution or amendment to this constitution;

(c) An expenditure, independent expenditure, or disbursement for an electioneering communication whether print, broadcast, or digital media, or otherwise, related to a proposed constitution or amendment to this constitution; or

(d) A contribution to an individual or entity for the purpose of funding preliminary activity preceding the

formation of a committee in support or opposition to a proposed constitution or amendment to this constitution; or

(3) A person to solicit, accept, or receive, directly or indirectly, a contribution or donation from a foreign national or source connected to a foreign national in connection with a proposed constitution or amendment to this constitution.

2. If an amendment to this constitution is proposed by initiative petition, and the petition proponent, or committee associated with the proponent, knowingly violated this section, the amendment shall be deemed void even if it received the requisite votes for approval.

3. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Foreign national":

(a) An individual who is not a citizen of the United States of America;

(b) A government, or subdivision, of a foreign country or municipality thereof;

(c) A foreign political party;

(d) Any entity, such as a partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination of persons, that is organized under the laws of, or has its principal place of business in, a foreign country; or

(e) Any entity organized pursuant to the laws of the United States of America or any state thereof that is wholly or majority owned by a person or entity described in paragraphs (a) to (d) of this subdivision, unless otherwise exempted from the prohibitions of this section by law;

(2) "Source connected to a foreign national", any individual or entity that has knowingly or willfully accepted funds totaling in excess of ten thousand dollars

from one or more foreign nationals within the preceding four years.

Section 3(c). Any proposed constitution or constitutional amendment adopted by the convention shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the state at such time, in such manner and containing such separate and alternative propositions and on such official ballot as may be provided by the convention, at a special election not less than sixty days nor more than six months after the adjournment of the convention. Upon the approval of the constitution or constitutional amendments by a majority of the votes cast thereon statewide and also a majority of votes cast thereon in each of a majority of the state house of representatives districts, the same shall take effect at the end of thirty days after the election. The result of the election shall be proclaimed by the governor.