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# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 47

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## 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  
2 state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday  
3 in November, 2026, 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 XII of the  
7 Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 2(b) and 3(c), article XII,  
2 Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and three new sections  
3 adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 2(b), 3(c),  
4 and 4, to read as follows:

Section 2(b). All amendments proposed by the general  
2 assembly or by the initiative shall be submitted to the  
3 electors for their approval or rejection by official ballot  
4 title as may be provided by law, on a separate ballot  
5 without party designation, at the next general election, or  
6 at a special election called by the governor prior thereto,  
7 at which he may submit any of the amendments. No such  
8 proposed amendment shall contain more than one amended and  
9 revised article of this constitution, or one new article

10 which shall not contain more than one subject and matters  
11 properly connected therewith. If possible, each proposed  
12 amendment shall be published once a week for two consecutive  
13 weeks in two newspapers of different political faith in each  
14 county, the last publication to be not more than thirty nor  
15 less than fifteen days next preceding the election. If  
16 there be but one newspaper in any county, publication for  
17 four consecutive weeks shall be made. **Notwithstanding the**  
18 **provisions of article III, section 51 of this constitution,**  
19 if a majority of the votes cast thereon **statewide and also a**  
20 **majority of votes cast thereon in each of at least three-**  
21 **quarters of the Congressional districts** is in favor of any  
22 amendment, the same shall take effect at the end of thirty  
23 days after the election. More than one amendment at the  
24 same election shall be so submitted as to enable the  
25 electors to vote on each amendment separately.

Section 3(c). Any proposed constitution or  
2 constitutional amendment adopted by the convention shall be  
3 submitted to a vote of the electors of the state at such  
4 time, in such manner and containing such separate and  
5 alternative propositions and on such official ballot as may  
6 be provided by the convention, at a special election not  
7 less than sixty days nor more than six months after the  
8 adjournment of the convention. Upon the approval of the  
9 constitution or constitutional amendments **by a majority of**  
10 **the votes cast thereon statewide and also a majority of**  
11 **votes cast thereon in each of at least three-quarters of the**  
12 **Congressional districts,** the same shall take effect at the  
13 end of thirty days after the election. The result of the  
14 election shall be proclaimed by the governor.

**Section 4. No campaign committee whose purpose is to**  
2 **support or oppose a constitutional amendment or new**

3 constitution submitted to the voters by the general  
4 assembly, by the initiative, or by constitutional convention  
5 shall knowingly accept contributions from a foreign  
6 government, a foreign political party, or a foreign  
7 national. For purposes of this section, the terms "campaign  
8 committee" and "contribution" have the same meaning as in  
9 article VIII, section 23 of this Constitution.

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 • Require all constitutional amendments and new  
9 constitutions to be approved by a statewide  
10 majority vote as well as a majority vote in at  
11 least three-quarters of Congressional districts;  
12 and  
13 • Prohibit campaign committees supporting or  
14 opposing a constitutional amendment or new  
15 constitution from accepting contributions from  
16 foreign entities?".

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