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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BURLISON.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

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2 of Missouri, are repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu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

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

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

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]
7 **registered voters in the state, and not otherwise. For**
8 **purposes of this section, the number of registered voters**
9 **shall be determined based on the number of people who were**
10 **registered to vote at the time of the most recent state**
11 **election preceding the election at which the measure will be**
12 **voted on.** When conflicting measures are approved at the
13 same election the one receiving the largest affirmative vote
14 shall prevail.

Section B. Pursuant to section 116.155, RSMo, and
2 other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this
3 state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language
4 for the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of
5 this state, the official summary statement of the amendment
6 proposed in section A shall be as follows:

7 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:
8 • Require signatures from each Congressional district
9 before an initiative petition can be placed on the
10 ballot; and

- 11 • Require a majority of registered voters to pass
- 12 constitutional amendments proposed by initiative
- 13 petition?"

