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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 79
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Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 50 of article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to procedures for ballot measures that are submitted to the people.

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. Section 50, article III, Constitution of
2 Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu
3 thereof, to be known as section 50, to read as follows:

Section 50. 1. Initiative petitions proposing
2 amendments to the constitution shall be signed by eight
3 percent of the legal voters in each of two-thirds of the
4 congressional districts in the state, and petitions
5 proposing laws shall be signed by five percent of such
6 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. Voters in each congressional district
10 shall have the opportunity to review and comment upon all
11 initiative petitions proposing amendments to the
12 constitution following the filing of the petition with the
13 secretary of state and not less than fifteen days before the
14 measure appears on the ballot. Such review and comment
15 process shall be administered by the secretary of state in a
16 public forum. Petitions for constitutional amendments shall
17 not contain more than one amended and revised article of
18 this constitution, or one new article which shall not
19 contain more than one subject and matters properly connected
20 therewith, and the enacting clause thereof shall be "Be it
21 resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that the
22 Constitution be amended:". Petitions for laws shall contain
23 not more than one subject which shall be expressed clearly
24 in the title, and the enacting clause thereof shall be "Be
25 it enacted by the people of the state of Missouri:". For
26 purposes of this section, only citizens of the United States
27 of America who are residents of the State of Missouri and
28 who are properly registered to vote in the State of Missouri
29 shall be considered legal voters.

30 2. Notwithstanding Section 2(b) of Article XII of this
31 Constitution, or any other provisions of this Constitution
32 or laws to the contrary, if sixty percent or more of the
33 votes cast thereon are in favor of any constitutional
34 amendment, whether proposed by the general assembly or by
35 initiative, that would impose or increase taxes or fees, or
36 obligate the state to appropriate funds of ten million
37 dollars or more in any of the first five fiscal years after
38 enactment, the same shall take effect at the end of thirty
39 days after the certification of the election. Such ten
40 million dollar threshold shall be annually adjusted for
41 inflation as provided by law. For all other constitutional

42 amendments, whether proposed by the general assembly or by
43 initiative, if a majority of the votes cast thereon are in
44 favor of the constitutional amendment, the same shall take
45 effect at the end of thirty days after the certification of
46 the election. This subsection shall only apply to
47 constitutional amendments submitted to the people after
48 January 1, 2023.

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 • Allow only American citizens to sign
9 initiative petitions; and
- 10 • Require initiative petitions to be reviewed
11 by voters; and
- 12 • Require constitutional amendments imposing or
13 increasing taxes or fees, or obligating the
14 state to appropriate more than \$10 million be
15 approved by sixty percent of the vote?".