SECOND REGULAR SESSION
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 79
101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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 the process for amending the law.

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, 2022, 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Section A. Section 50, article III, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 50, to read as follows:

Section 50. 1. Initiative petitions proposing amendments to the constitution shall be signed by eight percent of the legal voters, registered to vote in Missouri and citizens of the United States, 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

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.
text of the measure. Voters in each congressional district shall have the opportunity to review and comment upon all initiative petitions proposing amendments to the constitution following the filing of the petition with the secretary of state and not less than fifteen days before the measure appears on the ballot. Such review and comment process shall be administered by the secretary of state in a public forum. 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:"

For purposes of this article, only citizens of the United States of America who are residents of the State of Missouri and who are properly registered to vote in the State of Missouri shall be considered legal voters.

2. Notwithstanding Section 2(b) of Article XII of this Constitution, or any other provisions of this Constitution or laws to the contrary, if two-thirds of the votes cast thereon are in favor of any constitutional amendment, whether proposed by the general assembly or by initiative, the same shall take effect at the end of thirty days after the election. This subsection shall only apply to constitutional amendments submitted to the people after January 1, 2023.

Section B. Under chapter 116, RSMo, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state
allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for
the submission of a joint resolution to the voters of this
state, the official ballot title of the amendment proposed
in Section A shall be as follows:

"Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- Allow only citizens of the United States to qualify as legal voters;
- Require initiative petitions proposing to amend the constitution to be reviewed by the voters in each congressional district; and
- Require initiative amendments to the constitution be approved by a two-thirds vote?".