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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 79

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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
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2 Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu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 **ten** percent of the legal voters, **registered to vote in**
4 **Missouri and citizens of the United States**, in each of **[two-**
5 **thirds of]** the congressional districts in the state, and
6 petitions proposing laws shall be signed by five percent of
7 such voters. Every such petition shall be filed with the
8 secretary of state not less than six months before the
9 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.

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

31 **2. Notwithstanding Section 2(b) of Article XII of this**
32 **Constitution, or any other provisions of this Constitution**
33 **or laws to the contrary, if two-thirds of the votes cast**
34 **thereon are in favor of any constitutional amendment,**
35 **whether proposed by the general assembly or by initiative,**
36 **the same shall take effect at the end of thirty days after**
37 **the election. This subsection shall only apply to**
38 **constitutional amendments submitted to the people after**
39 **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 citizens of the United States to
9 qualify as legal voters;
- 10 • Require initiative petitions proposing to
11 amend the constitution to be reviewed by the
12 voters in each congressional district; and
- 13 • Require initiative amendments to the
14 constitution be approved by a two-thirds vote?".

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