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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS NOS. 74, 48, 59, 61 & 83

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 six new sections in lieu thereof relating to procedures pertaining to ballot measures submitted to the voters.

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, 2024, 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 2 Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and six new sections
 3 adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 2(b), 2(c),
 4 2(d), 2(e), 2(f), and 3(c), 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 more than half of
21 the congressional districts in the state 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 2(c). No amendment to this constitution shall
2 be proposed by the general assembly, by the initiative, or
3 by constitutional convention, that would:

4 (1) Permit a public official to receive gifts from
5 lobbyists;

6 (2) Raise sales taxes on food;

7 (3) Reduce the appropriation of money dedicated to any
8 law enforcement agency, the Missouri department of the
9 national guard, or first responders;

10 (4) Raise, expand, or impose any taxes or fees on real
11 estate, real estate transactions, or real or personal
12 property; or

13 (5) Prohibit the use of public moneys or personnel in
14 assisting the defense of the national borders.

Section 2(d). It shall be unlawful for:

2 (1) A government of a foreign country or a foreign
3 political party to sponsor an initiative petition proposing
4 an amendment to this constitution;

5 (2) A government of a foreign country or a foreign
6 political party to directly or indirectly make:

7 (a) A contribution or donation of money or other thing
8 of value, or make an express or implied promise to make a
9 contribution or donation, in connection with an election on
10 a proposed amendment to this constitution;

11 (b) A contribution or donation to a political
12 committee or a political party favoring or opposing a
13 proposed amendment to this constitution; or

14 (c) An expenditure, independent expenditure, or
15 disbursement for an electioneering communication whether
16 print, broadcast, or digital media, or otherwise, related to
17 a proposed amendment to this constitution; or

18 (3) A person to solicit, accept, or receive a
19 contribution or donation from a government of a foreign
20 country or a foreign political party in connection with a
21 proposed amendment to this constitution.

Section 2(e). No person shall be eligible to vote on
2 any measure submitted to the people that amends, repeals, or
3 replaces this constitution, whether pursuant to this article
4 or section 50, article III of this constitution, unless such
5 person is a legal resident of the state of Missouri and a
6 citizen of the United States of America.

Section 2(f). The general assembly shall ensure that
2 legal voters who are disabled, including but not limited to
3 those voters who are hearing impaired, speech impaired, or
4 visually impaired, can review, comment on, sign, or decline
5 to sign initiative petitions proposing constitutional
6 amendments.

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 more than half of the
12 congressional districts in the state, the same shall take
13 effect at the end of thirty days after the election. The
14 result of the election shall be proclaimed by the governor.

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 • Allow only U.S. citizens to vote on
9 constitutional amendments;
10 • Forbid foreign countries from funding
11 constitutional amendments;
12 • Ban constitutional amendments allowing
13 lobbyists' gifts to lawmakers; and
14 • Pass constitutional amendments by a majority
15 vote in a majority of congressional districts?".