

## SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS NOS. 74, 48, 59, 61 &amp; 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 constitutional amendments.

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*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, 2024, 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 XII of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 2(b) and 3(c), article XII, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and six new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 2(b), 2(c), 2(d), 2(e), 2(f), and 3(c), to read as follows:

Section 2(b). All amendments proposed by the general assembly or by the initiative shall be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection by official ballot title as may be provided by law, on a separate ballot without party designation, at the next general election, or at a special election called by the governor prior thereto, at which he may submit any of the amendments. No such proposed amendment shall 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. If possible, each proposed amendment shall be published once a week for two consecutive

weeks in two newspapers of different political faith in each county, the last publication to be not more than thirty nor less than fifteen days next preceding the election. If there be but one newspaper in any county, publication for four consecutive weeks shall be made. Notwithstanding the provisions of article III, section 51 of this constitution, if a majority of the votes cast thereon statewide and also a majority of votes cast thereon in each of more than half of the state house of representatives districts is in favor of any amendment, the same shall take effect at the end of thirty days after the election. More than one amendment at the same election shall be so submitted as to enable the electors to vote on each amendment separately.

Section 2(c). No amendment to this constitution shall be proposed by the general assembly, by the initiative, or by constitutional convention, that would be used for the purpose of permitting a public official to receive gifts from lobbyists.

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

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

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

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

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

(c) An expenditure, independent expenditure, or disbursement for an electioneering communication whether

print, broadcast, or digital media, or otherwise, related to a proposed amendment to this constitution; or

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

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

Section 2(f). The general assembly shall have exclusive authority to enact laws enforcing provisions in this constitution relating to initiative petitions proposing amendments to this constitution.

Section 3(c). Any proposed constitution or constitutional amendment adopted by the convention shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the state at such time, in such manner and containing such separate and alternative propositions and on such official ballot as may be provided by the convention, at a special election not less than sixty days nor more than six months after the adjournment of the convention. Upon the approval of the constitution or constitutional amendments by a majority of the votes cast thereon statewide and also a majority of votes cast thereon in each of more than half of the state house of representatives districts, the same shall take effect at the end of thirty days after the election. The result of the election shall be proclaimed by the governor.

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for

the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official summary statement of this resolution shall be as follows:

"Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- Allow only U.S. citizens to vote on constitutional amendments;
- Forbid foreign countries from funding constitutional amendments;
- Ban constitutional amendments allowing lobbyists' gifts to lawmakers; and
- Pass constitutional amendments by a majority vote in a majority of state house districts?".