

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 65

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CIERPIOT.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, 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 two new sections in lieu thereof relating to initiative petitions.

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, 2026, 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2 Missouri, is repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu
3 thereof, to be known as sections 50 and 50(a), to read as
4 follows:

Section 50. Initiative petitions proposing amendments
2 to the constitution shall be signed by eight percent of the
3 legal voters in each of two-thirds of the congressional
4 districts in the state, and petitions proposing laws shall
5 be signed by five percent of such voters. Every such
6 petition shall be filed with the secretary of state not less
7 than six months before the election and shall contain an
8 enacting clause and the full text of the measure. Petitions
9 for constitutional amendments shall not contain more than
10 one amended and revised article of this constitution, or one
11 new article which shall not contain more than one subject

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

12 and matters properly connected therewith[, and]. A petition
13 contains a single subject and matters properly connected
14 therewith if it does not extend beyond one sole purpose and
15 only contains additions or changes that are necessary to
16 effectuate a single legislative change. A petition does not
17 contain a single subject and matters properly connected
18 therewith if it contains a provision that would not be
19 necessary to effectuate one or more of the other provisions
20 in the petition. The enacting clause [thereof] of petitions
21 for constitutional amendments shall be "Be it resolved by
22 the people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be
23 amended:". Petitions for laws shall contain not more than
24 one subject which shall be expressed clearly in the title,
25 and the enacting clause thereof shall be "Be it enacted by
26 the people of the state of Missouri:".

Section 50(a). Each initiative petition that has been
2 approved, pursuant to the process established by law, to be
3 circulated for signature gathering shall have a summary
4 statement of the measure prepared in the manner established
5 by law. The summary statement shall not exceed one hundred
6 words and shall be a complete, concise, clear, and accurate
7 statement of the measure. If a court of competent
8 jurisdiction finds that a summary statement is not a
9 complete, concise, clear, and accurate statement of the
10 measure and that a complete, concise, clear, and accurate
11 statement cannot possibly be written in one hundred or less
12 words, the court shall prohibit the measure from being
13 circulated for further signatures or, in the event that the
14 measure has been certified to be placed on the ballot, the
15 court shall order the measure to be removed from the ballot.

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