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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMMONS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Sections 50 and 52(b) 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 House of Representatives, the Senate 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, 2020, 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Section A. Sections 50 and 52(b), Article III, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 50 and 52(b), to read as follows:

Section 50. Initiative petitions proposing amendments to the constitution shall be signed by ~~eight~~ **ten** percent of the legal voters in each of ~~[two-thirds of the congressional districts]~~ **three-fifths of the counties** in the state, **including the city of St. Louis**, 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 text of the measure. 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

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

11 clearly in the title, and the enacting clause thereof shall be "Be it enacted by the people of the
12 state of Missouri:".

Section 52(b). The veto power of the governor shall not extend to measures referred to
2 the people. All elections on measures referred to the people shall be had at the general state
3 elections, except when the general assembly shall order a special election. Any measure referred
4 to the people, **whether by the general assembly or by initiative petition**, shall take effect when
5 approved by ~~[a majority]~~ **two-thirds** of the votes cast thereon, and not otherwise. This section
6 shall not be construed to deprive any member of the general assembly of the right to introduce
7 any measure.

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