

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 66

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHAUL (113).

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Sections 50 and 53 of Article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to signatures on 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Section A. Sections 50 and 53, Article III, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 50 and 53, to read as follows:

Section 50. Initiative petitions proposing amendments to the constitution shall be signed by **eight** percent of the **[legal]** **registered** voters in each of ~~two-thirds of~~ the congressional districts in the state, and petitions proposing laws shall be signed by five percent of such **registered** 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 clearly in the title, and the enacting clause thereof shall be "Be it enacted by the people of the state of Missouri:".

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.

Section 53. The total [~~vote for governor at the general election last preceding the filing~~
2 ~~of any initiative or referendum petition~~] **number of registered voters as the secretary of state**
3 **determines were registered on the general election day immediately preceding the election**
4 **on which the proposed measure is to appear on the ballot** shall be used to determine the
5 number of [~~legal~~] **registered** voters necessary to sign the petition **to place a measure on the**
6 **ballot at the following general election or special election called by the governor.** In
7 submitting the same to the people the secretary of state and all other officers shall be governed
8 by general laws.

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