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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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 the initiative petition process.

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
2 Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2020, or at a special
3 election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted
4 to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following
5 amendment to article III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 50 and 51, article III, Constitution of Missouri, are
2 repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections
3 50 and 51, to read as follows:

Section 50. 1. Initiative petitions proposing amendments to the
2 constitution shall be signed by [eight] **fifteen** percent of the legal voters in each
3 of [two-thirds of] the congressional districts in the state, and petitions proposing
4 laws shall be signed by five percent of such voters. Every such petition shall be
5 filed with the secretary of state not less than six months before the election and
6 shall contain an enacting clause and the full text of the measure. Petitions for
7 constitutional amendments shall not contain more than one amended and revised
8 article of this constitution, or one new article which shall not contain more than
9 one subject and matters properly connected therewith, and the enacting clause
10 thereof shall be "Be it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that the
11 Constitution be amended:". Petitions for laws shall contain not more than one
12 subject which shall be expressed clearly in the title, and the enacting clause

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

13 thereof shall be "Be it enacted by the people of the state of Missouri:".

14 **2. Notwithstanding section 2(b) of article XII of this constitution**
15 **to the contrary, any initiative petition proposing an amendment to the**
16 **constitution shall take effect at the end of thirty days after the election**
17 **when approved by at least a two-thirds majority of the votes cast**
18 **thereon, provided that for any initiative petition proposing an**
19 **amendment to the constitution that was approved prior to December 3,**
20 **2020, an initiative petition proposing an amendment solely to repeal the**
21 **approved amendment, without any additional modifications or new**
22 **language, shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes**
23 **cast thereon.**

24 **3. Any initiative petition proposing laws shall take effect when**
25 **approved by at least a majority of the votes cast thereon.**

 Section 51. The initiative shall not be used for the appropriation of money
2 other than of new revenues created and provided for thereby, or for any other
3 purpose prohibited by this constitution. [Except as provided in this constitution,
4 any measure proposed shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes
5 cast thereon.] When conflicting measures are approved at the same election the
6 one receiving the largest affirmative vote shall prevail.

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