

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31  
JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing sections 50 and 51 of article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to the initiative petition process.

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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, 2022, 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Section A. Sections 50 and 51, article III, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 50 and 51, to read as follows:

Section 50. 1. Initiative petitions proposing amendments to the constitution shall be signed by [eight] fifteen percent of the legal voters, registered to vote in the state of Missouri and citizens of the United States, in each of [two-thirds of] the congressional districts in the state, and petitions proposing laws shall be signed by five percent of [such] the legal voters in each of two-thirds of the congressional districts in the state. 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:". For purposes of this article, only citizens of the United States who are residents of the state of Missouri and who are properly registered to vote in the state of Missouri shall be considered legal voters.

2. Notwithstanding Section 2(b) of Article XII of this Constitution to the contrary, any initiative petition proposing an amendment to the constitution shall take effect at the end of thirty days after the election when approved by at least two-thirds of the votes cast thereon.

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

Section 51. The initiative shall not be used for the appropriation of money other than of new revenues created and provided for thereby, or for any other purpose prohibited by this constitution. **[Except as provided in this constitution, any measure proposed shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon.]**

When conflicting measures are approved at the same election the one receiving the largest affirmative vote shall prevail.

Section B. Under chapter 116, RSMo, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of a joint resolution to the voters of this

state, the official ballot title of the amendment proposed in Section A shall be as follows:

"Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- Only allow United States citizens to sign initiative petitions;
- Increase the number of signatures needed to qualify an initiative petition for the ballot; and
- Require initiative petitions proposing constitutional amendments to be approved by two-thirds of the votes cast thereon?".