

State of South Dakota

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Introduced by: Senators Bolin, Klumb, Monroe, Otten (Ernie), Stalzer, and Wiik and
Representatives Brunner, Haugaard, Howard, Jensen (Kevin), Pischke,
Rozum, Tieszen, and Zikmund

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the electors at the next general election
2 amendments to Article XXIII, of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, relating to
3 amendments to the Constitution.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE
5 OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 Section 1. That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendments to
7 Article XXIII, section 1 and section 3 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set
8 forth in sections 2 and 3 of this Joint Resolution, which are hereby agreed to, shall be submitted
9 to the electors of the state for approval.

10 Section 2. That Article XXIII, section 1 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be
11 amended to read as follows:

12 § 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by initiative or by a ~~majority two-~~
13 thirds vote of all members of each house of the Legislature. An amendment proposed by
14 initiative shall require a petition signed by qualified voters equal in number to at least ten



1 percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election. The petition
2 containing the text of the proposed amendment and the names and addresses of its sponsors
3 shall be filed at least one year before the next general election at which the proposed amendment
4 is submitted to the voters. A proposed amendment may amend one or more articles and related
5 subject matter in other articles as necessary to accomplish the objectives of the amendment.

6 Section 3. That Article XXIII, section 3 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be
7 amended to read as follows:

8 § 3. Any constitutional amendment or revision must be submitted to the voters and shall
9 become a part of the Constitution only when approved by a ~~majority~~ at least sixty percent of the
10 votes cast thereon. The Legislature may provide for the withdrawal by its sponsors of an
11 initiated amendment at any time prior to its submission to the voters.