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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to
Section 3 of Article XI of the State
Constitution relating to initiatives.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the amendment to Section 3 of Article XI of the
State Constitution set forth below is agreed to and shall be
submitted to the electors of Florida for approval or rejection
at the general election to be held in November 1998:

SECTION 3. Initiative.--

(a) The power to propose the revision or amendment of
any portion or portions of this constitution by initiative is
reserved to the people, provided that, any such revision or
amendment, except for those limiting the power of government
to raise revenue, shall embrace but one subject and matter
directly connected therewith. It may be invoked by filing
with the secretary of state a petition containing a copy of
the proposed revision or amendment, signed by a number of
electors in each of one half of the congressional districts of
the state, and of the state as a whole, equal to eight percent
of the votes cast in each of such districts respectively and
in the state as a whole in the last preceding election in
which presidential electors were chosen.

(b) The names and signatures on any initiative
petition may be checked using a random-sampling verification
method as provided by general law.

(c) A preclearance period for verification of names
and signatures on initiatives may be established, provided
that period does not exceed 60 days prior to the filing

1 deadline with the secretary of state for a name-by-name,
2 signature-by-signature verification or 30 days prior to such
3 filing deadline for a random-sampling verification.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the
5 requirements of section 101.161, Florida Statutes, the title
6 and substance of the amendment proposed herein shall appear on
7 the ballot as follows:

8 VERIFICATION OF NAMES AND SIGNATURES
9 ON INITIATIVE PETITIONS

10 Proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article XI of
11 the State Constitution to authorize random-sampling
12 verification of names and signatures on initiative petitions
13 and to also authorize a preclearance period for verification
14 of names and signatures on any initiative petition which
15 depends on whether a name-by-name, signature-by-signature
16 verification or a random-sampling verification is used.

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