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Senate Joint Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution, relating to amendment and revision elections, to revise the number of electors required to ratify a proposed constitutional amendment.

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

That the following amendment to Section 5 of Article I of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 5. Amendment or revision election.--

(a) A proposed amendment to or revision of this constitution, or any part of it, shall be submitted to the electors at the next general election held more than ninety days after the joint resolution, initiative petition or report of revision commission, constitutional convention or taxation and budget reform commission proposing it is filed with the custodian of state records, unless, pursuant to law enacted by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the membership of each house of the legislature and limited to a single amendment or revision, it is submitted at an earlier special election held more than ninety days after such filing.

(b) Once in the tenth week, and once in the sixth week immediately preceding the week in which the election is held,

1 the proposed amendment or revision, with notice of the date of  
2 election at which it will be submitted to the electors, shall  
3 be published in one newspaper of general circulation in each  
4 county in which a newspaper is published.

5 (c) If the proposed amendment or revision is approved  
6 by vote of the electors, it shall be effective as an amendment  
7 to or revision of the constitution of the state on the first  
8 Tuesday after the first Monday in January following the  
9 election, or on such other date as may be specified in the  
10 amendment or revision.

11 (d) An amendment is not approved unless a majority of  
12 those electors voting in the election at which it is submitted  
13 for approval or rejection vote for approval.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
15 placed on the ballot:

16 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

17 ARTICLE XI, SECTION 5

18 AMENDMENT RATIFICATION ELECTION; VOTE

19 REQUIRED.--Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to  
20 require a majority of those voting in an election at which a  
21 proposed constitutional amendment is submitted to the electors  
22 to vote to approve the amendment in order for it to become  
23 effective.

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