House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to
Section 5 of Article XI of the State

Constitution relating to approval of
constitutional amendments.

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

That the amendment to Section 5 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 2002:

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

 (c) If the proposed amendment or revision is approved by vote of at least two-thirds of the electors voting on the proposed amendment or revision, it shall be effective as an amendment to or revision of the constitution of the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January following the election, or on such other date as may be specified in the amendment or revision.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Requires approval by two-thirds, rather than a simple majority, of the electors voting on a proposed constitutional amendment.