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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution to increase the votes required for ratification of an amendment to the State Constitution.

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 2004:

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) The legislature shall provide by general law, prior to the holding of an election pursuant to this section, for the provision of a statement to the public regarding the probable



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30 financial impact of any amendment proposed by initiative
31 pursuant to section 3.

32 (c) Once in the tenth week, and once in the sixth week
33 immediately preceding the week in which the election is held,
34 the proposed amendment or revision, with notice of the date of
35 election at which it will be submitted to the electors, shall be
36 published in one newspaper of general circulation in each county
37 in which a newspaper is published.

38 (d) If the proposed amendment or revision is approved by
39 the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the electors voting in the
40 election, it shall be effective as an amendment to or revision
41 of the constitution of the state and shall take effect on the
42 first Tuesday after the first Monday in January following the
43 election, or on such other date as may be specified in the
44 amendment or revision.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the title and substance of the
46 amendment proposed herein shall appear on the ballot as follows:

47 INCREASED VOTE FOR RATIFICATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

48 Proposes an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the
49 State Constitution to increase the vote required by the voters
50 to ratify an amendment to the State Constitution from a majority
51 to two-thirds of those voting in the election.