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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution to require that constitutional amendments be approved by a majority of the voters in a majority of the counties, as well as by a majority of the voters in the state.

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

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

39 (d) If the proposed amendment or revision is approved by
 40 vote of a majority of the electors of the state and by a
 41 majority of the electors in each of a majority of the counties
 42 of the state, it shall be effective as an amendment to or
 43 revision of the constitution of the state on the first Tuesday
 44 after the first Monday in January following the election, or on
 45 such other date as may be specified in the amendment or
 46 revision.

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

49 VOTE REQUIRED FOR ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

50 Proposes an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the
 51 State Constitution to require that constitutional amendments be
 52 approved by a majority of the voters in a majority of the
 53 counties, as well as by a majority of the voters in the state.