

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: SJR 1672

SPONSOR: Senator Posey

SUBJECT: Constitutional Amendments; approval

DATE: March 31, 2003

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Rubinas</u>	<u>Rubinas</u>	<u>EE</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
2.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>JU</u>	<u> </u>
3.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>GO</u>	<u> </u>
4.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>RC</u>	<u> </u>
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I. Summary:

Senate Joint Resolution 1672 amends the requirement for the passage of amendments to the Florida Constitution.

The joint resolution would increase the number of votes required to approve a constitutional amendment to two-thirds of the electors voting on the measure.

This joint resolution substantially amends Article XI, section 5 of the Florida Constitution.

II. Present Situation:

The Florida Constitution provides that passage of an amendment to the Florida Constitution requires a majority vote of all the electors casting ballots on the measure. Art. XI, s. 5(d); see also, Art. XI, s. 12(d).

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The joint resolution amends Section 5 of Article XI of the Florida Constitution by requiring proposed amendments to the constitution to be approved by two-thirds of the electors voting on the measure in order to be adopted.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

Each constitutional amendment is required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in each county, once in the sixth week and once in the tenth week preceding the general election. Costs for advertising vary depending upon the length of the amendment. The cost per amendment is estimated to be approximately \$35,000.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.