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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 the approval of  
constitutional amendments.

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

That the following amendment to Section 5 of Article XI  
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) 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

1 probable financial impact of any amendment proposed by  
2 initiative pursuant to section 3.

3 (c) Once in the tenth week, and once in the sixth week  
4 immediately preceding the week in which the election is held,  
5 the proposed amendment or revision, with notice of the date of  
6 election at which it will be submitted to the electors, shall  
7 be published in one newspaper of general circulation in each  
8 county in which a newspaper is published.

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

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following amendment be  
17 placed on the ballot:

18 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

19 ARTICLE XI, SECTION 5

20 APPROVAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.--Proposing an  
21 amendment to the State Constitution to require approval by  
22 two-thirds, rather than a simple majority, of the electors  
23 voting on a proposed constitutional amendment.  
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