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Senate Joint Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution to require the Legislature to provide for a statement to the public concerning the probable financial impact of an amendment proposed by initiative.

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

That the amendment of Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution set forth below 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.

1           (b) The legislature shall provide by general law,  
2 prior to the holding of an election pursuant to this section,  
3 for the provision of a statement to the public regarding the  
4 probable financial impact of any proposed amendment ~~proposed~~  
5 ~~by initiative pursuant to section 3.~~

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

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

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
19 placed on the ballot:

20                           CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

21                                   ARTICLE XI, SECTION 5

22           ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL  
23 AMENDMENTS.--Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution  
24 to provide for statements of probable financial impact of  
25 constitutional amendments proposed by the Legislature or by a  
26 Constitutional Revision Commission in the same manner as  
27 required for amendments proposed by initiative.