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2004

1 House Joint Resolution

2 A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5 of  
 3 Article XI of the State Constitution to require that a  
 4 proposed amendment to or revision of the State  
 5 Constitution be approved by vote of 60 percent of the  
 6 voters of the state and 60 percent of the voters in each  
 7 of the congressional districts of the state voting on the  
 8 amendment or revision.

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

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 12 That the amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the State  
 13 Constitution set forth below is agreed to and shall be submitted  
 14 to the electors of Florida for approval or rejection at the  
 15 general election to be held in November 2004:

16 ARTICLE XI

17 AMENDMENTS

18 SECTION 5. Amendment or revision election.--

19 (a) A proposed amendment to or revision of this  
 20 constitution, or any part of it, shall be submitted to the  
 21 electors at the next general election held more than ninety days  
 22 after the joint resolution, initiative petition or report of  
 23 revision commission, constitutional convention or taxation and  
 24 budget reform commission proposing it is filed with the  
 25 custodian of state records, unless, pursuant to law enacted by  
 26 the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the membership of each  
 27 house of the legislature and limited to a single amendment or  
 28 revision, it is submitted at an earlier special election held  
 29 more than ninety days after such filing.

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30 (b) The legislature shall provide by general law, prior to  
 31 the holding of an election pursuant to this section, for the  
 32 provision of a statement to the public regarding the probable  
 33 financial impact of any amendment proposed by initiative  
 34 pursuant to section 3.

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

41 (d) If the proposed amendment or revision is approved by  
 42 vote of 60 percent of the electors of the state and 60 percent  
 43 of the electors in each of the congressional districts of the  
 44 state voting on the amendment or revision, it shall be effective  
 45 as an amendment to or revision of the constitution of the state  
 46 on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January following  
 47 the election, or on such other date as may be specified in the  
 48 amendment or revision.

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

51 VOTE REQUIRED TO AMEND OR REVISE STATE CONSTITUTION

52 Proposes an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the  
 53 State Constitution to require that a proposed amendment to or  
 54 revision of the State Constitution be approved by 60 percent of  
 55 the voters of the state and 60 percent of the voters in each of  
 56 the congressional districts of the state voting on the amendment  
 57 or revision.