

Bill No. CS for SJR 2396

Amendment No. ____ Barcode 723062

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Senator Dockery moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 1, delete everything after the resolving clause

and insert:

That the following amendment to Section 10 of Article IV and the following creation of Section 8 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 IV

EXECUTIVE

SECTION 10. Attorney General.--The attorney general shall, as directed by general law, request the opinion of the justices of the supreme court as to the validity of any proposed amendment to or revision of this constitution ~~initiative petition circulated pursuant to Section 3 of~~ Article XI. The justices shall, subject to their rules of procedure, permit interested persons to be heard on the

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1 questions presented and shall render their written opinion
2 expeditiously.

3 ARTICLE XI

4 AMENDMENTS

5 SECTION 8. SUBJECT LIMITATION.--Any proposed amendment
6 to or revision of this constitution must:

7 (a) seek to alter, amend, or repeal an existing
8 article of or amendment to this constitution;

9 (b) address a basic right of a citizen of this state;

10 or

11 (c) change the basic structure of state government as
12 established in Article II, Article III, Article IV, or Article
13 V.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
15 placed on the ballot:

16 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

17 ARTICLE IV, SECTION 10

18 ARTICLE XI, SECTION 8

19 SUBJECT MATTER LIMITATIONS ON PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL
20 AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS.--Proposing an amendment to the State
21 Constitution to provide that a constitutional amendment or
22 revision proposed in any manner must alter, amend, or repeal
23 an existing article or amendment to the State Constitution;
24 address a fundamental right of a citizen of this state; or,
25 change a basic structure of state government as established in
26 Article II, Article III, Article IV, or Article V; providing
27 for the Florida Supreme Court to review proposed
28 constitutional amendments or revisions to ensure that they
29 meet one of these criteria.

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

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4 clause

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6 and insert:

7 Senate Joint Resolution No. 2396

8 A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 10
9 of Article IV and creating Section 8 of Article XI of the
10 State Constitution; detailing the scope of permissible subject
11 matter for proposed amendments or revisions to the State
12 Constitution; authorizing the Florida Supreme Court to review
13 proposed amendments and revisions to ensure that they meet the
14 subject matter requirement.

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