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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 increase the votes required for
ratification of an amendment to the State
Constitution.

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 the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the electors voting
11 in the election, it shall be effective as an amendment to or
12 revision of the constitution of the state and shall take
13 effect on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January
14 following the election, or on such other date as may be
15 specified in the amendment or revision.

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

18 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

19 ARTICLE XI, SECTION 5

20 INCREASED VOTE FOR RATIFICATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL
21 AMENDMENTS--Proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI
22 of the State Constitution to increase the vote required by the
23 voters to ratify an amendment to the State Constitution from a
24 majority to two-thirds of those voting in the election.

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