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Senate Joint Resolution No. ____

A joint resolution proposing amendments to Section 10 of Article IV and Section 3 of Article XI of the State Constitution, relating to proposed revisions of or amendments to the State Constitution proposed by initiative petition.

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

That the following amendments to Section 10 of Article VI and Section 3 of Article XI, as amended by Revision No. 8 (1998), of the State Constitution are 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 initiative petition circulated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XI. The justices shall also determine whether the proposed revision or amendment is appropriate for inclusion into this constitution, as provided by general law.The justices shall, subject to their rules of procedure, permit interested persons to be heard on the questions presented and shall render their written opinion expeditiously.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

1 SECTION 3. Initiative.--The power to propose the
2 revision or amendment of any portion or portions of this
3 constitution by initiative is reserved to the people, provided
4 that, any such revision or amendment, except for those
5 limiting the power of government to raise revenue, shall
6 embrace but one subject and matter directly connected
7 therewith. It may be invoked by filing with the secretary of
8 state a petition containing a copy of the proposed revision or
9 amendment, signed by a number of electors ~~in each of one half~~
10 ~~of the congressional districts of the state, and of the state~~
11 ~~as a whole,~~ equal to fifteen ~~eight~~ percent of the votes cast
12 ~~in each of such districts respectively and in the state as a~~
13 ~~whole in the last preceding~~ general election, except that the
14 number of petitions signed by electors in any single
15 congressional district may not account for more than 15
16 percent of the total number of petitions for the proposed
17 revision or amendment signed by electors in the state as a
18 whole in which presidential electors were chosen.

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

21 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

22 ARTICLE IV, SECTION 10; ARTICLE XI, SECTION 3

23 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY
24 INITIATIVE PETITION.--Proposing amendments to the State
25 Constitution to require that the State Supreme Court determine
26 whether a constitutional revision or amendment proposed by
27 initiative petition is appropriate for inclusion in the State
28 Constitution; to require that a petition initiative be signed
29 by a number of electors equal to 15 percent of the number of
30 votes cast in the state as a whole in the last preceding
31 general election; and to limit the number of petitions that

1 | may be signed by electors in any single congressional district
2 | to not more than 15 percent of the total number of signed
3 | petitions.
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