

## 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 any  
4 proposed amendment to or revision of the State  
5 Constitution be approved by at least 60 percent of the  
6 electors voting on the measure.

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

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10 That the amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the State  
11 Constitution set forth below is agreed to and shall be submitted  
12 to the electors of Florida for approval or rejection at the  
13 general election to be held in November 2006:

## 14 ARTICLE XI

## 15 AMENDMENTS

16 SECTION 5. Amendment or revision election.--

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

28 (b) A proposed amendment or revision of this constitution,  
 29 or any part of it, by initiative shall be submitted to the  
 30 electors at the general election provided the initiative  
 31 petition is filed with the custodian of state records no later  
 32 than February 1 of the year in which the general election is  
 33 held.

34 (c) The legislature shall provide by general law, prior to  
 35 the holding of an election pursuant to this section, for the  
 36 provision of a statement to the public regarding the probable  
 37 financial impact of any amendment proposed by initiative  
 38 pursuant to section 3.

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

45 (e) Unless otherwise specifically provided for elsewhere  
 46 in this constitution, if the proposed amendment or revision is  
 47 approved by vote of at least sixty percent of the electors  
 48 voting on the measure, it shall be effective as an amendment to  
 49 or revision of the constitution of the state on the first  
 50 Tuesday after the first Monday in January following the  
 51 election, or on such other date as may be specified in the  
 52 amendment or revision.

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

55 REQUIRING BROADER PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR

## 56 | CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS OR REVISIONS

57 | Proposes an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the  
58 | State Constitution to require that any proposed amendment to or  
59 | revision of the State Constitution, whether proposed by the  
60 | Legislature, by initiative, or by any other method, must be  
61 | approved by at least 60 percent of the voters of the state  
62 | voting on the measure, rather than by a simple majority. This  
63 | proposed amendment would not change the current requirement that  
64 | a proposed constitutional amendment imposing a new state tax or  
65 | fee be approved by at least 2/3 of the voters of the state  
66 | voting in the election in which such an amendment is considered.