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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article XI of the State Constitution to provide the permissible subject matter of an amendment or revision to the State Constitution proposed by initiative.

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

That the amendment to Section 3 of Article XI of the State Constitution set forth below is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of Florida for approval or rejection at the general election to be held in November 2006:

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 3. Initiative.--

(a) The power to propose the revision or amendment of any portion or portions of this constitution by initiative is reserved to the people, provided that, any such revision or amendment, except for those limiting the power of government to raise revenue, shall embrace but one subject and matter directly connected therewith. Any amendment or revision proposed by initiative shall:

(1) Amend or repeal an existing section of this constitution on the same subject and matter;

(2) Address a right of a citizen of this state as established in Article I of this constitution; or

(3) Change the basic structure of state government as established in Article II, Article III, Article IV, or Article V

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29 | of this constitution.

30 | (b) The initiative power ~~It~~ may be invoked by filing with
 31 | the custodian of state records a petition containing a copy of
 32 | the proposed revision or amendment, signed by a number of
 33 | electors in each of one half of the congressional districts of
 34 | the state, and of the state as a whole, equal to eight percent
 35 | of the votes cast in each of such districts respectively and in
 36 | the state as a whole in the last preceding election in which
 37 | presidential electors were chosen.

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

40 | PERMISSIBLE SUBJECT MATTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL
 41 | AMENDMENTS OR REVISIONS PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE

42 | Proposes an amendment to Section 3 of Article XI of the
 43 | State Constitution to provide that a constitutional amendment or
 44 | revision proposed by initiative must amend or repeal an existing
 45 | section of the State Constitution on the same subject and
 46 | matter; must address a right of a citizen of this state
 47 | established in Article I of the State Constitution; or must
 48 | change the basic structure of state government as established in
 49 | Article II, Article III, Article IV, or Article V of the State
 50 | Constitution.