

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 revisions or amendments 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 revision or amendment proposed by initiative shall:

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

(2) Address a basic or fundamental right of a citizen of this state; or

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

29 of this constitution, except that no revision or amendment shall
 30 deprive the branches of government of any existing powers
 31 granted in these articles.

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

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

42 PERMISSIBLE SUBJECT MATTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL
 43 REVISIONS OR AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE

44 Proposes an amendment to Section 3 of Article XI of the
 45 State Constitution to provide that a constitutional revision or
 46 amendment proposed by initiative must amend or repeal an
 47 existing section of the State Constitution on the same subject
 48 and matter; must address a basic or fundamental right of a
 49 citizen of this state; or must change the basic structure of
 50 state government as established in Article II, Article III,
 51 Article IV, or Article V of the State Constitution, except that
 52 no revision or amendment may deprive the branches of government
 53 of any existing powers granted in these articles.