

Bill No. CS for SJR 4

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Senator Smith moved the following **substitute for amendment**  
(450722):

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the resolving clause

and insert:

That the following amendment to Section 3 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 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. The amendment or revision must

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1 also:

2       (1) amend an existing article of this constitution on  
3 the same subject and matter, except that any proposed  
4 amendment or revision of Article X must amend or repeal an  
5 existing section of that article on the same subject and  
6 matter;

7       (2) address a basic or fundamental right of a citizen  
8 of this state; or

9       (3) change the basic structure of state government as  
10 established in Article II, Article III, Article IV, or Article  
11 V of this constitution.

12       (b) The initiative power ~~It~~ may be invoked by filing  
13 with the custodian of state records a petition containing a  
14 copy of the proposed revision or amendment, signed by a number  
15 of electors in each of one half of the congressional districts  
16 of the state, and of the state as a whole, equal to eight  
17 percent of the votes cast in each of such districts  
18 respectively and in the state as a whole in the last preceding  
19 election in which presidential electors were chosen.

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

22                           CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

23                           ARTICLE XI, SECTION 3

24           CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS PROPOSED BY  
25 INITIATIVE.--Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution  
26 to require that a constitutional amendment or revision  
27 proposed by initiative amend an existing article of this  
28 constitution on the same subject and matter, except that any  
29 proposed amendment or revision of Article X must amend or  
30 repeal an existing section of that article on the same subject  
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 2 government as established in Article II, Article III, Article  
 3 IV, or Article V.

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7 And the title is amended as follows:

8           Delete everything before the resolving clause

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10 and insert:

11                         Senate Joint Resolution No. 4

12           A joint resolution proposing an amendment to  
 13           Section 3 of Article XI of the State  
 14           Constitution, relating to the type of amendment  
 15           or revision which may be proposed by citizen  
 16           initiative.

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