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Senator King moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the resolving clause

and insert: That the amendment to Section 5 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 5. Amendment or revision election.--

(a) A proposed amendment to or revision of this constitution, or any part of it, shall be submitted to the electors at the next general election held more than ninety days after the joint resolution or report of revision commission, constitutional convention or taxation and budget reform commission proposing it is filed with the custodian of state records, unless, pursuant to law enacted by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the membership of each house of the legislature and limited to a single amendment or

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1 revision, it is submitted at an earlier special election held
2 more than ninety days after such filing.

3 (b) A proposed amendment or revision of this
4 constitution, or any part of it, by initiative shall be
5 submitted to the electors at the general election provided the
6 initiative petition is filed with the custodian of state
7 records no later than February 1 of the year in which the
8 general election is held.

9 (c) The legislature shall provide by general law,
10 prior to the holding of an election pursuant to this section,
11 for the provision of a statement to the public regarding the
12 probable financial impact of any amendment proposed by
13 initiative pursuant to section 3.

14 (d) Once in the tenth week, and once in the sixth week
15 immediately preceding the week in which the election is held,
16 the proposed amendment or revision, with notice of the date of
17 election at which it will be submitted to the electors, shall
18 be published in one newspaper of general circulation in each
19 county in which a newspaper is published.

20 (e) Unless otherwise specifically provided for
21 elsewhere in this constitution, if the proposed amendment or
22 revision is approved by vote of at least sixty percent of the
23 electors voting on the measure, it shall be effective as an
24 amendment to or revision of the constitution of the state on
25 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January following
26 the election, or on such other date as may be specified in the
27 amendment or revision.

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

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS OR REVISIONS

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

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the resolving clause

and insert:

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution to require that any proposed amendment to or revision of the State Constitution be approved by at least 60 percent of the electors voting on the measure.