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Senator Campbell moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the resolving clause

and insert:

That the following amendment to Sections 3 and 5 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.--The power to propose the revision or amendment of any portion or portions of this constitution or to propose legislation by initiative is reserved to the people, provided that, any such revision, or amendment, or legislation, except for those limiting the power of government to raise revenue, shall embrace but one subject and matter directly connected therewith.

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1        (a) The power to propose the revision or amendment of  
2 this constitution by initiative ~~It~~ may be invoked by filing  
3 with the custodian of state records a petition containing a  
4 copy of the proposed revision or amendment, signed by a number  
5 of electors in each of one half of the congressional districts  
6 of the state, and of the state as a whole, equal to eight  
7 percent of the votes cast in each of such districts  
8 respectively and in the state as a whole in the last preceding  
9 election in which presidential electors were chosen.

10        (c) The power to propose legislation by initiative may  
11 be invoked by filing with the custodian of state records a  
12 petition containing a copy of the proposed legislation, signed  
13 by a number of electors equal to four percent of the votes  
14 cast in the state as a whole in the last preceding election in  
15 which presidential electors were chosen.

16        SECTION 5. Amendment or revision election.--

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

29        (b) A proposed amendment or revision of this  
30 constitution, or any part of it, or any legislation by  
31 initiative shall be submitted to the electors at the general

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1 election provided the initiative petition is filed with the  
2 custodian of state records no later than February 1 of the  
3 year in which the general election is held.

4 (c) The legislature shall provide by general law,  
5 prior to the holding of an election pursuant to this section,  
6 for the provision of a statement to the public regarding the  
7 probable financial impact of any amendment or legislation  
8 proposed by initiative pursuant to section 3.

9 (d) Once in the tenth week, and once in the sixth week  
10 immediately preceding the week in which the election is held,  
11 the proposed amendment or revision or the proposed  
12 legislation, with notice of the date of election at which it  
13 will be submitted to the electors, shall be published in one  
14 newspaper of general circulation in each county in which a  
15 newspaper is published. In the alternative, the secretary of  
16 state may mail to every registered voter a pamphlet containing  
17 the proposed amendment and statements of no more than 500  
18 words prepared by one proponent and one opponent of the  
19 initiative. Such pamphlet may be included in any mailing of  
20 sample ballots.

21 (e) If the proposed amendment or revision is approved  
22 by vote of at least three-fifths of the electors voting on the  
23 measure, it shall be effective as an amendment to or revision  
24 of the constitution of the state on the first Tuesday after  
25 the first Monday in January following the election, or on such  
26 other date as may be specified in the amendment or revision.

27 (f) Unless otherwise specifically provided in this  
28 constitution, if the proposed legislation by initiative is  
29 approved by a majority of the electors of the state voting on  
30 the measure, it shall take effect on the first Tuesday after  
31 the first Monday in January following the election, or on such

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1 other date as may be specified in the legislation.

2 (g) Legislation approved by the voters under this  
3 section may not be amended or repealed except by an  
4 affirmative vote of three-fourths of the membership of each  
5 house of the legislature.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
7 placed on the ballot:

8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

9 ARTICLE XI, SECTIONS 3 and 5

10 INITIATIVE AND APPROVAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS OR  
11 REVISIONS.--Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution  
12 to allow the proposal of legislation by initiative and  
13 establishing procedures and requirements for such initiatives  
14 and to require that a proposed constitutional amendment or  
15 revision be approved by at least three-fifths of the electors  
16 of the state voting on the measure rather than by a simple  
17 majority.

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21 And the title is amended as follows:

22 On page 1, lines 3-5, delete those lines

23  
24 and insert:

25 Sections 3 and 5 of Article XI of the State  
26 Constitution; providing for the proposal of  
27 legislation by initiative; establishing  
28 procedures and requirements for such  
29 initiatives; requiring that proposed  
30 legislation by initiative be approved by a  
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