By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senators King, Smith,
Fasano, Haridopolos and Atwater

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 1   Senate Joint Resolution No. 6
 2   A joint resolution proposing an amendment to
 3   Section 5 of Article XI of the State
 4   Constitution; requiring that a proposed
 5   amendment to or revision of the State
 6   Constitution be approved by at least sixty
 7   percent of the electors of the state voting on
 8   the measure.
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10 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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12   That the following amendment to Section 5 of Article XI
13 of the State Constitution, as amended by Revision No. 2, 2004,
14 is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this
15 state for approval or rejection at the next general election
16 or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by
17 law for that purpose:
18   ARTICLE XI
19   AMENDMENTS
20   SECTION 5. Amendment or revision election.--
21   (a) A proposed amendment to or revision of this
22 constitution, or any part of it, shall be submitted to the
23 electors at the next general election held more than ninety
24 days after the joint resolution or report of revision
25 commission, constitutional convention or taxation and budget
26 reform commission proposing it is filed with the custodian of
27 state records, unless, pursuant to law enacted by the
28 affirmative vote of three-fourths of the membership of each
29 house of the legislature and limited to a single amendment or
30 revision, it is submitted at an earlier special election held
31 more than ninety days after such filing.

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 1   (b) A proposed amendment or revision of this

 2   constitution, or any part of it, by initiative shall be

 3   submitted to the electors at the general election provided the

 4   initiative petition is filed with the custodian of state

 5   records no later than February 1 of the year in which the

 6   general election is held.

 7   (c) The legislature shall provide by general law,

 8   prior to the holding of an election pursuant to this section,

 9   for the provision of a statement to the public regarding the

10   probable financial impact of any amendment proposed by

11   initiative pursuant to section 3.

12   (d) Once in the tenth week, and once in the sixth week

13   immediately preceding the week in which the election is held,

14   the proposed amendment or revision, with notice of the date of

15   election at which it will be submitted to the electors, shall

16   be published in one newspaper of general circulation in each

17   county in which a newspaper is published.

18   (e) If the proposed amendment or revision is approved

19   by vote of <u>at least sixty percent of</u> the electors <u>voting on</u>

20   <u>the measure</u>, it shall be effective as an amendment to or

21   revision of the constitution of the state on the first Tuesday

22   after the first Monday in January following the election, or

23   on such other date as may be specified in the amendment or

24   revision.

25   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be

26   placed on the ballot:

27   CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

28   ARTICLE XI, SECTION 5

29   APPROVAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS OR

30   REVISIONS.--Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution

31   to require that a proposed constitutional amendment or

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1 | revision be approved by at least sixty percent of the electors

2 | of the state voting on the measure rather than by a simple

3 | majority.

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5 | STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
6 | Senate Joint Resolution 6

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8 | The committee substitute makes the following changes to the
underlying joint resolution:

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10 | -- Adds the number "6" to the title of the underlying joint
resolution, thereby designating the joint resolution as
Senate Joint Resolution No. 6; and

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12 | -- Replaces the three-fifths approval threshold for the
adoption of constitutional amendments with a 60-percent
approval threshold.

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