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Senator Campbell moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 34, between lines 12 and 13,

and insert:

SECTION 20. Legislation by citizen initiative.--

(a)(1) The power to propose legislation by initiative is reserved to the people, provided that any such legislation shall embrace one subject and matter directly connected therewith. This power may be invoked by filing with the custodian of state records a petition containing a copy of the proposed legislation.

(2) The following subjects may not be proposed by initiative: special and general laws of local application; laws that impose, eliminate, increase, or grant exemption from taxes; laws that are created for the sole purpose of appropriating state funds; laws requiring counties or municipalities to spend funds or eliminating their ability to raise revenues or receive state tax revenue; laws that provide exemption from public-records or public-meeting requirements;

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1 laws that provide for the number or assignment of judges or  
 2 the jurisdiction of courts; laws that the legislature is  
 3 prohibited from passing or must pass by an extraordinary vote;  
 4 and laws changing the boundaries of any municipality, county,  
 5 special district, legislative district, or congressional  
 6 district.

7       (b)(1) Upon filing with the custodian of state records  
 8 a petition signed by a number of electors in the state as a  
 9 whole equal to one percent of the votes cast in the state as a  
 10 whole in the last preceding election in which presidential  
 11 electors were chosen, the proposed legislation shall be  
 12 brought before the legislature for enactment at the next  
 13 regular session held more than thirty days following  
 14 submission of the petition as provided herein. The proposed  
 15 legislation shall be treated as a bill subject to section 7 of  
 16 this Article. The enacting clause of every law proposed by  
 17 initiative shall read: "Be It Enacted by the People of the  
 18 State of Florida by Initiative:"

19       (2) If the legislature fails to enact the proposed  
 20 legislation, the proposed legislation may be placed on the  
 21 ballot at the next general election held more than ninety days  
 22 after a initiative petition proposing legislation is filed  
 23 with the custodian of state records signed by a number of  
 24 electors in the state equal to two percent of the votes cast  
 25 in the state as a whole in the last preceding election in  
 26 which presidential electors were chosen.

27       (c) The governor may not veto legislation proposed by  
 28 initiative which is approved by the electors. Laws that are  
 29 enacted by initiative may be amended or repealed as provided  
 30 in this section and shall otherwise be subject to the powers  
 31 of the governor and the legislature granted by this

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1 constitution, as such powers apply to any law or legislation.  
 2 However, notwithstanding section 7 of this Article, the  
 3 legislature may amend or repeal legislation approved by vote  
 4 of the electors for the first five years after it takes effect  
 5 only by a vote of three-fourths of the membership of each  
 6 house of legislature and thereafter by a majority vote of the  
 7 membership of each house of the legislature.

8 (d) Once in the tenth week, and once in the sixth week  
 9 immediately preceding the week in which the election is held,  
 10 the proposed legislation, with notice of the date of the  
 11 election at which it will be submitted to the electors, shall  
 12 be published in one newspaper of general circulation in each  
 13 county in which a newspaper is published.

14 (e) If the legislation proposed by initiative is  
 15 approved by majority vote of the electors voting on the  
 16 proposed legislation, it shall be effective on the first day  
 17 of July following the next regular session of the legislature  
 18 after the general election at which the legislative initiative  
 19 was approved.

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23 And the title is amended as follows:

24 On page 1, line 7, after the semicolon,  
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 26 insert:  
 27 to create Article III, section 20, which  
 28 provides for legislation by citizen initiative;

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