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Senate Joint Resolution

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

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 also:

- (1) amend an existing article of this constitution on the same subject and matter, except that any proposed amendment or revision of Article X must amend or repeal an existing section of that article on the same subject and matter;
- (2) address a basic or fundamental right of a citizen of this state; or

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

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

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
13 placed on the ballot:

14 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

15 ARTICLE XI, SECTION 3

16 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS PROPOSED BY
17 INITIATIVE.--Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution
18 to require that a constitutional amendment or revision
19 proposed by initiative amend an existing article of this
20 constitution on the same subject and matter, except that any
21 proposed amendment or revision of Article X must amend or
22 repeal an existing section of that article on the same subject
23 and matter; address a basic or fundamental right of a citizen
24 of this state; or change the basic structure of state
25 government as established in Article II, Article III, Article
26 IV, or Article V.