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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution, relating to constitutional amendments, to require that a statement of the probable financial impact of any proposed constitutional amendment or revision be provided to the public.

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

That the following amendment to Section 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 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 revision, it is submitted at an earlier special election held more than ninety days after such filing.

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 proposed amendment to or
11 revision of this constitution ~~proposed by initiative pursuant~~
12 ~~to section 3.~~

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

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

27 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

28 ARTICLE XI, SECTION 5

29 FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR ALL CONSTITUTIONAL
30 AMENDMENTS.--Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution
31 to require that a statement be provided to the public

1 regarding the probable financial impact of any proposed
2 amendment to or revision of the constitution, rather than
3 requiring such a statement only for an amendment or revision
4 proposed by initiative.
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