

By Senator Thrasher

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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing the amendment of Section 3 of Article XI of the State Constitution to expressly authorize a person who signs a petition proposing a revision or amendment of the State Constitution to revoke his or her signature.

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

That the following amendment of 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.—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. It may be invoked by filing with the custodian of state records a petition containing a copy of the proposed revision or amendment, signed by a number of electors in each of one half of the congressional districts of the state, and of the state as a whole, equal to eight percent of the votes cast in each of such districts respectively and in the state as a whole in the last preceding election in which presidential electors were chosen. The power of a person to sign

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30 a petition proposing the revision or amendment of this  
31 constitution includes the power to revoke his or her signature  
32 pursuant to procedures that shall be prescribed by general law.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
34 placed on the ballot:

35 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

36 ARTICLE XI, SECTION 3

37 CITIZEN INITIATIVES.—The State Constitution authorizes the  
38 citizens of this state to propose a revision or amendment of the  
39 State Constitution by signing a petition. If the petition  
40 proposing an amendment, among other requirements, receives a  
41 sufficient number of signatures, the proposed amendment will be  
42 submitted to the voters for approval or rejection. However, the  
43 State Constitution does not expressly allow a person who signs a  
44 petition to revoke his or her signature. This proposed amendment  
45 will allow a person who signs a petition proposing an amendment  
46 to the State Constitution to revoke his or her signature  
47 pursuant to procedures prescribed by law.