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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution relating to the manner of presentation to the electors of proposed amendments to or revisions of the State Constitution.

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.

(b) A proposed amendment or revision of this constitution,

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29 or any part of it, by initiative shall be submitted to the
30 electors at the general election provided the initiative
31 petition is filed with the custodian of state records no later
32 than February 1 of the year in which the general election is
33 held.

34 (c) The legislature shall provide by general law, prior to
35 the holding of an election pursuant to this section, for the
36 provision of a statement to the public regarding the probable
37 financial impact of any amendment proposed by initiative
38 pursuant to section 3.

39 (d) Once in the tenth week, and once in the sixth week
40 immediately preceding the week in which the election is held,
41 the proposed amendment or revision, with notice of the date of
42 election at which it will be submitted to the electors, shall be
43 published in one newspaper of general circulation in each county
44 in which a newspaper is published.

45 (e) Unless otherwise specifically provided for elsewhere
46 in this constitution, if the proposed amendment or revision is
47 approved by vote of at least sixty percent of the electors
48 voting on the measure, it shall be effective as an amendment to
49 or revision of the constitution of the state on the first
50 Tuesday after the first Monday in January following the
51 election, or on such other date as may be specified in the
52 amendment or revision.

53 (f) A proposed amendment to or revision of this
54 constitution, or any part of it, shall be presented to the
55 electors in the form and manner prescribed by general law.

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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
57 placed on the ballot:

58 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

59 ARTICLE XI, SECTION 5

60 PRESENTATION TO THE ELECTORS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO OR
61 REVISIONS OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.—This amendment adds a new
62 provision to the State Constitution to require amendments to or
63 revisions of the State Constitution to be presented to voters in
64 the form and manner prescribed by general law enacted by the
65 Legislature.