

By Senator Baxley

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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution to increase the percentage of elector votes required to approve an amendment or a revision to the State Constitution from 60 percent to 66 and 2/3 percent.

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, or any part of it, by initiative shall be submitted to the electors at the general election provided the initiative petition is filed with the custodian of state records no later

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33 than February 1 of the year in which the general election is  
34 held.

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

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

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

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
55 placed on the ballot:

56 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

57 ARTICLE XI, SECTION 5

58 PERCENTAGE OF ELECTOR VOTES REQUIRED TO APPROVE

59 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT OR REVISION.—Proposing an amendment to  
60 the State Constitution to increase the percentage of elector  
61 votes required to approve an amendment or a revision to the

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