By the Committee on Judiciary

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1   Senate Joint Resolution
2   A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3
3   of Article XI of the State Constitution to revise
4   threshold requirements for the number of petitions
5   signed by electors needed in order for a citizen
6   initiative to amend or revise the State Constitution
7   to be placed on the ballot.
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9 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11   That the following amendment to Section 3 of Article XI of
12 the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to
13 the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next
14 general election or at an earlier special election specifically
15 authorized by law for that purpose:
16   ARTICLE XI
17   AMENDMENTS
18   SECTION 3. Initiative.—The power to propose the revision or
19 amendment of any portion or portions of this constitution by
20 initiative is reserved to the people, provided that, any such
21 revision or amendment, except for those limiting the power of
22 government to raise revenue, shall embrace but one subject and
23 matter directly connected therewith. It may be invoked by filing
24 with the custodian of state records a petition containing a copy
25 of the proposed revision or amendment, signed by a number of
26 electors in each ~~of one half~~ of the congressional districts of
27 the state, and of the state as a whole, equal to eight percent
28 of the votes cast in each of such districts respectively and in
29 the state as a whole in the last preceding election in which

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30 presidential electors were chosen.

31   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be

32 placed on the ballot:

33   CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

34   ARTICLE XI, SECTION 3

35   PETITION THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS FOR CITIZEN INITIATIVES.—

36 Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require that

37 a specified number of petitions must be signed by the electors

38 in each congressional district of the state in order for a

39 citizen initiative to amend or revise the State Constitution to

40 be placed on the ballot.