

FOR CONSIDERATION By the Committee on Judiciary

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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article XI of the State Constitution to revise threshold requirements for the number of petitions signed by electors needed in order for a citizen initiative to amend or revise the State Constitution to be placed on the ballot.

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

That the following amendment to 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

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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.