

By Senator Rodriguez

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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 to or a revision of the State Constitution from 60 percent to 66 and 2/3 percent, except that the repeal of an amendment or revision need only be approved by the same percentage of elector votes as was required at the time of passage of such amendment or revision.

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

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30 legislature and limited to a single amendment or revision, it is  
31 submitted at an earlier special election held more than ninety  
32 days after such filing.

33 (b) A proposed amendment or revision of this constitution,  
34 or any part of it, by initiative shall be submitted to the  
35 electors at the general election provided the initiative  
36 petition is filed with the custodian of state records no later  
37 than February 1 of the year in which the general election is  
38 held.

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

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

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

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59 the approval by vote of at least the same percent of the  
60 electors as was required at the time of passage of such  
61 amendment or revision.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
63 placed on the ballot:

64 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

65 ARTICLE XI, SECTION 5

66 PERCENTAGE OF ELECTOR VOTES REQUIRED TO APPROVE

67 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT OR REVISION.—Proposing an amendment to  
68 the State Constitution to increase the percentage of elector  
69 votes required to approve an amendment to or a revision of the  
70 State Constitution from 60 percent to 66 and 2/3 percent, except  
71 that the repeal of an amendment or revision need only be  
72 approved by the same percentage of elector votes as was required  
73 at the time of passage of such amendment or revision.