

House 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 66.67 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,

26 constitutional convention or taxation and budget reform  
27 commission proposing it is filed with the custodian of state  
28 records, unless, pursuant to law enacted by the affirmative vote  
29 of three-fourths of the membership of each house of the  
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

51 | in this constitution, if the proposed amendment or revision is  
 52 | approved by vote of at least sixty-six and sixty-seven  
 53 | hundredths ~~sixty~~ percent of the electors voting on the measure,  
 54 | it shall be effective as an amendment to or revision of the  
 55 | constitution of the state on the first Tuesday after the first  
 56 | Monday in January following the election, or on such other date  
 57 | as may be specified in the amendment or revision. However, the  
 58 | repeal of an amendment to or a revision of this constitution  
 59 | only requires the approval by vote of at least the same percent  
 60 | of the 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 | REQUIRING BROADER PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR CONSTITUTIONAL  
 67 | AMENDMENTS OR REVISIONS.—Proposing an amendment to the State  
 68 | Constitution to increase the percentage of elector votes  
 69 | required to approve an amendment to or a revision of the State  
 70 | Constitution from 60 percent to 66.67 percent, except that the  
 71 | repeal of an amendment or revision need only be approved by the  
 72 | same percentage of elector votes as was required at the time of  
 73 | passage of such amendment or revision.