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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 66.67 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, 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 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

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59 only requires the approval by vote of at least the same
60 percentage of the electors as was required at the time of
61 passage of such 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.