

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
**HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 102**
100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Sections 50, 52(a), and 52(b) of Article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting three new sections in lieu thereof relating to initiative petitions.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2020, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 50, 52(a), and 52(b), Article III, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and three new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 50, 52(a), and 52(b), to read as follows:

Section 50. Initiative petitions proposing amendments to the constitution shall be signed by eight percent of the ~~legal~~ **registered** voters in each of two-thirds of the ~~congressional districts~~ **counties** in the state, and petitions proposing laws shall be signed by five percent of such voters. **For purposes of this section, the term "county" shall include any county and any city not within a county.** Every such petition shall be filed with the secretary of state not less than six months before the election and shall contain an enacting clause and the full text of the measure. Petitions for constitutional amendments shall not contain more than one amended and revised article of this constitution, or one new article which shall not contain more than one subject and matters properly connected therewith, and the enacting clause thereof shall be "Be

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

10 it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:". Petitions
11 for laws shall contain not more than one subject which shall be expressed clearly in the title, and
12 the enacting clause thereof shall be "Be it enacted by the people of the state of Missouri:".

Section 52(a). A referendum may be ordered (except as to laws necessary for the
2 immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, and laws making appropriations for
3 the current expenses of the state government, for the maintenance of state institutions and for the
4 support of public schools) either by petitions signed by ~~five~~ **eight** percent of the ~~legal~~
5 **registered** voters in each of two-thirds of the ~~congressional districts~~ **counties** in the state, or
6 by the general assembly, as other bills are enacted. **For purposes of this section, the term**
7 **"county" shall include any county and any city not within a county.** Referendum petitions
8 shall be filed with the secretary of state not more than ninety days after the final adjournment of
9 the session of the general assembly which passed the bill on which the referendum is demanded.

Section 52(b). The veto power of the governor shall not extend to measures referred to
2 the people. All elections on measures referred to the people shall be had at the general state
3 elections, except when the general assembly shall order a special election. Any measure referred
4 to the people shall take effect when approved by ~~a majority~~ **two-thirds** of the votes cast thereon
5 **in a majority of the state house of representatives districts**, and not otherwise. **However, if**
6 **a measure became effective prior to November 3, 2020, with approval by a majority of the**
7 **voters, the repeal of such measure shall take effect when approved by a majority of the**
8 **votes cast thereon.** This section shall not be construed to deprive any member of the general
9 assembly of the right to introduce any measure.

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