

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 176

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIDSON.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 2(b) of Article XII of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to constitutional amendments.

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
2 following the first Monday in November, 2024, or at a special election to be called by the
3 governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for
4 adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article XII of the Constitution of the state
5 of Missouri:

Section A. Section 2(b), Article XII, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one
2 new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 2(b), to read as follows:

Section 2(b). **1. For the purpose of this article, only citizens of the United States
2 who are residents of the state of Missouri and who are properly registered to vote in the
3 state of Missouri shall be considered legal voters.**

**2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 50 of Article III, initiative petitions
5 proposing amendments to the constitution shall be signed by seven percent of the legal
6 voters in each of two-thirds of the congressional districts in the state.**

**3. All amendments proposed by the general assembly or by the initiative shall be
8 submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection by official ballot title as may be
9 provided by law, on a separate ballot without party designation, at the next general election,**

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 or at a special election called by the governor prior thereto, at which he may submit any of the
11 amendments. No such proposed amendment shall contain more than one amended and
12 revised article of this constitution, or one new article which shall not contain more than one
13 subject and matters properly connected therewith. If possible, each proposed amendment
14 shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in two newspapers of different
15 political faith in each county, the last publication to be not more than thirty nor less than
16 fifteen days next preceding the election. If there be but one newspaper in any county,
17 publication for four consecutive weeks shall be made. If a majority of the votes cast thereon
18 is in favor of any amendment **proposed by the general assembly**, the same shall take effect
19 at the end of thirty days after the election. **Notwithstanding Sections 51 and 52(b) of**
20 **Article III, any constitutional measure proposed by the initiative shall take effect at the**
21 **end of thirty days after the election if approved by a number of votes greater than or**
22 **equal to a majority of the registered voters in the state and not otherwise. For the**
23 **purposes of this section, the number of registered voters shall be determined by the**
24 **number of registered voters entitled to vote at the general, municipal, or primary**
25 **election, whichever is most recent, immediately preceding the election at which the**
26 **proposed constitutional amendment is to appear on the ballot.** More than one amendment
27 at the same election shall be so submitted as to enable the electors to vote on each amendment
28 separately.

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and
2 laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of
3 this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official summary statement of this
4 resolution shall be as follows:

5 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:
6 • Limit voting on initiative petitions to United States citizens;
7 • Reduce the number of signatures needed to place a proposed constitutional
8 amendment on the ballot by initiative petition; and
9 • Require a majority of Missouri registered voters to amend the Constitution by
10 initiative petition?".

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