

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 72

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE LEWIS (6).

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 51 of Article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section 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, 2024, 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Section A. Section 51, Article III, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 51, to read as follows:

Section 51. 1. The initiative shall not be used:

(1) For the appropriation of money other than of new revenues created and provided for thereby[~~7~~];

(2) **To raise sales taxes on food;**

(3) **To raise, expand, or impose any taxes or fees on real estate, real estate transactions, or real or personal property;** or

(4) For any other purpose prohibited by this constitution. [~~Except as provided in this constitution,~~]

2. **It shall be unlawful for:**

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 **(1) A government of a foreign country or a foreign political party to sponsor an**
11 **initiative petition;**

12 **(2) A government of a foreign country or a foreign political party to directly or**
13 **indirectly make:**

14 **(a) A contribution or donation of money or other thing of value, or make an**
15 **express or implied promise to make a contribution or donation, in connection with an**
16 **initiative petition;**

17 **(b) A contribution or donation to a political committee or a political party**
18 **favoring or opposing an initiative petition; or**

19 **(c) An expenditure, independent expenditure, or disbursement for an**
20 **electioneering communication whether print, broadcast, or digital media, or**
21 **otherwise, related to an initiative petition; or**

22 **(3) A person to solicit, accept, or receive a contribution or donation from a**
23 **government of a foreign country or a foreign political party in connection with an**
24 **initiative petition.**

25 **3. Any measure [~~proposed~~] proposing laws shall take effect when approved by a**
26 **majority of the votes cast thereon. Notwithstanding Section 52(b) of this Article and**
27 **Section 2(b) of Article XII of this Constitution to the contrary, any measure proposing**
28 **an amendment to this constitution shall take effect when approved by a majority of**
29 **votes cast thereon statewide by legal voters and also a majority of votes cast thereon in a**
30 **majority of the congressional districts by legal voters. When conflicting measures are**
31 **approved at the same election the one receiving the largest affirmative vote shall prevail.**

32 **4. The general assembly shall have exclusive authority to enact laws enforcing**
33 **provisions in this constitution relating to initiative petitions.**

 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 • Forbid foreign countries from sponsoring or funding initiatives;
7 • Prohibit taxes on food or property by initiative; and
8 • Pass initiatives by a majority of voters in a majority of congressional districts?"

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