

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

**HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 93**

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FALKNER.

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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 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
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Section A. Section 2(b), Article XII, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one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.** All amendments proposed by the general assembly or by the
2 initiative shall be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection by official ballot title
3 as may be provided by law, on a separate ballot without party designation, at the next general
4 election, or at a special election called by the governor prior thereto, at which he may submit
5 any of the amendments. No such proposed amendment shall contain more than one amended
6 and revised article of this constitution, or one new article which shall not contain more than
7 one subject and matters properly connected therewith. If possible, each proposed amendment
8 shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in two newspapers of different
9 political faith in each county, the last publication to be not more than thirty nor less than

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 fifteen days next preceding the election. If there be but one newspaper in any county,
11 publication for four consecutive weeks shall be made. **If the proponents of a proposed**
12 **amendment follow the process outlined in subsection 2 of this section and** a majority of
13 the votes cast thereon [~~is~~] **are** in favor of any amendment, the same shall take effect at the end
14 of thirty days after the election. **Notwithstanding the provisions of Article III, Section 52**
15 **(b) of this Constitution, if the proponents of a proposed amendment do not follow the**
16 **process outlined in subsection 2 of this section and fifty-five percent of the votes cast**
17 **thereon are in favor of any amendment, the same shall take effect at the end of thirty**
18 **days after the election.** More than one amendment at the same election shall be so submitted
19 as to enable the electors to vote on each amendment separately.

20 **2. After being certified by the secretary of state, if submitted by the proponents,**
21 **an initiative petition shall be heard in a public hearing in a committee of each chamber**
22 **of the general assembly. The committee shall not amend the initiative petition or vote it**
23 **out of the committee but shall otherwise follow regular procedures for public hearings.**
24 **Following the public hearing in committee, the initiative petition shall be debated on the**
25 **floor of each chamber. Neither chamber shall amend the initiative petition nor hold a**
26 **vote on it but shall otherwise follow regular procedures for bills heard on the floor.**
27 **Following the floor debate, the speaker and the speaker pro tempore of the house of**
28 **representatives and the president and president pro tempore of the senate shall sign the**
29 **initiative petition to confirm the requirements of this subsection have been satisfied.**
30 **This process shall be completed independently in each chamber of the general assembly**
31 **and neither chamber shall require action of the other before completing the process.**
32 **The requirements of this subsection shall be completed by the third Friday after the first**
33 **Monday in March in the next regular session of the house of representatives after**
34 **certification of an initiative petition by the secretary of state.**

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