

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CIERPIOT.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 50 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 Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the
2 state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday
3 in November, 2024, or at a special election to be called by
4 the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to
5 the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or
6 rejection, the following amendment to article III of the
7 Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 50, article III, Constitution of
2 Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu
3 thereof, to be known as section 50, to read as follows:

Section 50. Initiative petitions proposing amendments
2 to the constitution shall be signed by eight percent of the
3 legal voters in each of two-thirds of the congressional
4 districts in the state, and petitions proposing laws shall
5 be signed by five percent of such voters. Every such
6 petition shall be filed with the secretary of state not less
7 than six months before the election and shall contain an
8 enacting clause and the full text of the measure. Petitions
9 for constitutional amendments shall not contain more than
10 one amended and revised article of this constitution, or one

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

11 new article which shall not contain more than one subject
12 and matters properly connected therewith[, and]. **A petition**
13 **contains a single subject and matters properly connected**
14 **therewith if it does not extend beyond one sole purpose and**
15 **only contains additions or changes that are necessary to**
16 **effectuate a single legislative change. A petition does not**
17 **contain a single subject and matters properly connected**
18 **therewith if it contains a provision that would not be**
19 **necessary to effectuate one or more of the other provisions**
20 **in the petition. The enacting clause [thereof] of petitions**
21 **for constitutional amendments** shall be "Be it resolved by
22 the people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be
23 amended:". Petitions for laws shall contain not more than
24 one subject which shall be expressed clearly in the title,
25 and the enacting clause thereof shall be "Be it enacted by
26 the people of the state of Missouri:".

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