

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE LEWIS (6).

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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*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 III of the Constitution of the state  
5 of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 50 and 52(b), Article III, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed  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

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

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.

9 therewith, and the enacting clause thereof shall be "Be it resolved by the people of the state of  
10 Missouri that the Constitution be amended:". Petitions for laws shall contain not more than  
11 one subject which shall be expressed clearly in the title, and the enacting clause thereof shall  
12 be "Be it enacted by the people of the state of Missouri:". **Only citizens of the United States**  
13 **who are residents of the state of Missouri and who are properly registered to vote in this**  
14 **state shall be considered legal voters.**

Section 52(b). The veto power of the governor shall not extend to measures referred  
2 to the people. **Notwithstanding the provisions of Article XII, Section 2(b)**, all elections on  
3 **constitutional** measures referred to the people **by the general assembly** shall be had at the  
4 general state elections, except when the general assembly shall order a special election. Any  
5 measure referred to the people **by the general assembly** shall take effect when approved by a  
6 majority of the votes cast thereon, and not otherwise. **Notwithstanding the provisions of**  
7 **Article XII, Section 2(b)**, **any measure proposed by the initiative shall be voted on at the**  
8 **general election and take effect when approved by two-thirds of the votes cast thereon,**  
9 **and not otherwise.** This section shall not be construed to deprive any member of the general  
10 assembly of the right to introduce any measure.

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