House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article XI of the State Constitution to increase the threshold requirements needed to amend the State Constitution by initiative.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendment to Section 3 of Article XI of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 3. Initiative.—The power to propose the revision or amendment of any portion or portions of this constitution by initiative is reserved to the people, provided that, any such revision or amendment, except for those limiting the power of government to raise revenue, shall embrace but one subject and matter directly connected therewith. It may be invoked by filing with the custodian of state records a petition containing a copy of the proposed revision or amendment, signed by a number of electors in each of one half of the congressional districts of the state, and of the state as a whole, equal to eight percent of one half
of the votes cast in each of such districts respectively and in
the state as a whole in the last preceding election in which
presidential electors were chosen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
placed on the ballot:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE XI, SECTION 3
PROCEDURE FOR CITIZEN INITIATIVES; SIGNATURES OF CITIZENS IN
EACH DISTRICT RATHER THAN HALF OF DISTRICTS.—Proposing an
amendment to the State Constitution to require a petition for a
citizen initiative to receive signatures from a certain
percentage of electors in each congressional district, instead
of one half of the congressional districts, before it can be
placed on the ballot. The State Constitution also currently
requires a percentage of signatures of electors from the state
as a whole and that percentage would remain unchanged.