

1 House Joint Resolution

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

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7 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 That the following amendment to Section 3 of Article XI of
10 the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to
11 the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next
12 general election or at an earlier special election specifically
13 authorized by law for that purpose:

14 ARTICLE XI

15 AMENDMENTS

16 SECTION 3. Initiative.—The power to propose the revision
17 or amendment of any portion or portions of this constitution by
18 initiative is reserved to the people, provided that, any such
19 revision or amendment, except for those limiting the power of
20 government to raise revenue, shall embrace but one subject and
21 matter directly connected therewith. It may be invoked by filing
22 with the custodian of state records a petition containing a copy
23 of the proposed revision or amendment, signed by a number of
24 electors in each ~~of one-half~~ of the congressional districts of
25 the state, and of the state as a whole, equal to eight percent

26 | of the votes cast in each of such districts respectively and in
27 | the state as a whole in the last preceding election in which
28 | presidential electors were chosen.

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

32 | CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

33 | ARTICLE XI, SECTION 3

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