

By Senator Smith

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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution to revise the percentage of elector votes required for approval of an amendment to or a revision of the State Constitution from at least 60 percent to a simple majority vote of the electors voting on the measure.

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

That the following amendment to Section 5 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 5. Amendment or revision election.—

(a) A proposed amendment to or revision of this constitution, or any part of it, shall be submitted to the electors at the next general election held more than ninety days after the joint resolution or report of revision commission, constitutional convention or taxation and budget reform commission proposing it is filed with the custodian of state records, unless, pursuant to law enacted by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the membership of each house of the legislature and limited to a single amendment or revision, it is submitted at an earlier special election held more than ninety days after such filing.

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(b) A proposed amendment or revision of this constitution, or any part of it, by initiative shall be submitted to the electors at the general election provided the initiative petition is filed with the custodian of state records no later than February 1 of the year in which the general election is held.

(c) The legislature shall provide by general law, prior to the holding of an election pursuant to this section, for the provision of a statement to the public regarding the probable financial impact of any amendment proposed by initiative pursuant to section 3.

(d) Once in the tenth week, and once in the sixth week immediately preceding the week in which the election is held, the proposed amendment or revision, with notice of the date of election at which it will be submitted to the electors, shall be published in one newspaper of general circulation in each county in which a newspaper is published.

(e) Unless otherwise specifically provided for elsewhere in this constitution, if the proposed amendment or revision is approved by a simple majority vote of ~~at least sixty percent of~~ the electors voting on the measure, it shall be effective as an amendment to or revision of the constitution of the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January following the election, or on such other date as may be specified in the amendment or revision.

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

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ARTICLE XI, SECTION 5

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59 REVISING THRESHOLD FOR VOTER APPROVAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL
60 AMENDMENTS OR REVISIONS.—Revising the percentage of elector
61 votes required to approve an amendment to or a revision of the
62 State Constitution from at least 60 percent to a simple majority
63 vote of the electors voting on the measure. This amendment does
64 not modify the requirement that an amendment imposing a new
65 state tax or fee be approved by two-thirds vote of the electors
66 voting in the election at which the amendment is considered.