

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES HUNTER (Sponsor) AND NIEVES (Co-sponsor).

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### 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.

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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, 2008, 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 of  
5 Missouri:

Section A. Section 50, article III, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new  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

Section 50. **1.** Initiative petitions proposing amendments to the constitution shall be  
2 signed by [eight] **fifteen** percent of the legal voters in each of [two-thirds of] the congressional  
3 districts in the state, and petitions proposing laws shall be signed by [five] **fifteen** percent of such  
4 voters. Every such petition shall be filed with the secretary of state not less than six months  
5 before the election and shall contain an enacting clause and the full text of the measure. Petitions  
6 for constitutional amendments shall not contain more than one amended and revised article of  
7 this constitution, or one new article which shall not contain more than one subject and matters  
8 properly connected therewith, and the enacting clause thereof shall be "Be it resolved by the  
9 people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:". Petitions for laws shall

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.

10 contain not more than one subject which shall be expressed clearly in the title, and the enacting  
11 clause thereof shall be "Be it enacted by the people of the state of Missouri:".

12 **2. No petition submitted under subsection 1 of this section and approved by a**  
13 **majority of the voters shall become effective unless approved by a majority of the voters**  
14 **at the general election immediately succeeding the first approval of the petition.**

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