

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE STACY.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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### JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of Missouri, by adopting one new section relating to the initiative petition process for ballot measures.

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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 following the first Monday in November, 2020, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Article III, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding one new section, to be known as Section 54, to read as follows:

**Section 54. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 49 to 53 of this article or any other provision of this constitution or law, the initiative petition process for constitutional amendments or laws may be regulated by general law for the following purposes:**

(1) **Enacting campaign finance restrictions on campaign committees or other entities receiving donations for the purpose of supporting or opposing any ballot measure;**

(2) **Requiring proponents of ballot measures to pay certain administrative and election costs for the measures, such as signature matching or other election procedures that are reasonably necessary to guarantee free and fair ballot measure elections in this state. The payment of such costs and expenses may be made a condition of certification for a measure to appear on the ballot;**

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.

11           **(3) Requiring the disclosure of donor information regarding campaign committees,**  
12 **out-of-state committees, or other entities involved in supporting or opposing ballot**  
13 **measures in a manner substantially similar to any general financial disclosure**  
14 **requirements for donors to a candidate committee or other entity involved in supporting**  
15 **or opposing the election of a candidate to office; and**

16           **(4) Authorizing the Missouri ethics commission to enforce laws enacted in**  
17 **accordance with this section.**

          Section B. Under chapter 116, RSMo, and other applicable constitutional provisions and  
2 laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of  
3 a joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official ballot title of the amendment proposed  
4 in Section A shall be as follows:

5           "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to allow the enactment of general laws,  
6 including campaign finance, financial disclosure, and election cost provisions, regulating the  
7 initiative petition process for ballot measures?".

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