

HCS HJR 91 -- INITIATIVE PETITIONS (Eggleston)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Elections and Elected Officials

Upon voter approval, this proposed Constitutional amendment would require the sponsor(s) of initiative petitions proposing Constitutional amendments or laws to collect signatures in every Congressional district. Legal voters will be defined as registered to vote in Missouri, residents of Missouri, and citizens of the United States. Amendments proposed by the General Assembly or the initiative petition process will take effect 30 days after the election at which they are approved.

Initiative petitions proposing Constitutional amendments will be subject to public hearing and a process similar to bill passage by the General Assembly. If the General Assembly approves a petition without change, then the sponsor(s) may submit it to the Secretary of State to be placed on the ballot at the next general election. If the General Assembly amends, or does not pass a petition, then the sponsor(s) may decide whether to place the amended version or the original unamended version on the ballot at the next general election. The standard for passage of all Constitutional amendments of any type will be a two-thirds majority vote. However, repealing existing Constitutional provisions in whole or in part, that were approved prior to December 10, 2022, shall require only a majority vote for passage.

Time limits for the General Assembly review of initiative amendments are specified and sponsors will be able to submit petitions during either session of the General Assembly prior to the general election occurring every two years in November.

The resolution contains ballot language submitted by the General Assembly.

This bill is similar to HCS HJR 22 (2021).