

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

[PERFECTED]

SENATE SUBSTITUTE NO. 4 FOR

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS NOS. 74, 48,  
59, 61 & 83**

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR COLEMAN.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

**JOINT RESOLUTION**

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing sections 2(b) and 3(c) of article XII of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to procedures pertaining to ballot measures submitted to the voters.

*Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:*

That at the next general election to be held in the  
2 state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday  
3 in November, 2024, or at a special election to be called by  
4 the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to  
5 the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or  
6 rejection, the following amendment to article XII of the  
7 Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 2(b) and 3(c), article XII,  
2 Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and two new sections  
3 adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 2(b) and 3(c),  
4 to read as follows:

Section 2(b). All amendments proposed by the general  
2 assembly or by the initiative shall be submitted to the  
3 electors for their approval or rejection by official ballot  
4 title as may be provided by law, on a separate ballot

**EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

5 without party designation, at the next general election, or  
6 at a special election called by the governor prior thereto,  
7 at which he may submit any of the amendments. No such  
8 proposed amendment shall contain more than one amended and  
9 revised article of this constitution, or one new article  
10 which shall not contain more than one subject and matters  
11 properly connected therewith. If possible, each proposed  
12 amendment shall be published once a week for two consecutive  
13 weeks in two newspapers of different political faith in each  
14 county, the last publication to be not more than thirty nor  
15 less than fifteen days next preceding the election. If  
16 there be but one newspaper in any county, publication for  
17 four consecutive weeks shall be made. If a majority of the  
18 votes cast thereon is in favor of any amendment **proposed by**  
19 **the general assembly**, the same shall take effect at the end  
20 of [thirty] **thirty-one** days after the election.

21 **Notwithstanding the provisions of article III, section 51 of**  
22 **this constitution to the contrary, if a majority of the**  
23 **votes cast thereon statewide and also a majority of the**  
24 **votes cast thereon in each of more than half of the**  
25 **congressional districts in the state are in favor of any**  
26 **amendment proposed by the initiative, the same shall take**  
27 **effect at the end of thirty-one days after the election.**

28 More than one amendment at the same election shall be so  
29 submitted as to enable the electors to vote on each  
30 amendment separately.

Section 3(c). Any proposed constitution or  
2 constitutional amendment adopted by the convention shall be  
3 submitted to a vote of the electors of the state at such  
4 time, in such manner and containing such separate and  
5 alternative propositions and on such official ballot as may  
6 be provided by the convention, at a special election not

7 less than sixty days nor more than six months after the  
8 adjournment of the convention. Upon the approval of the  
9 constitution or constitutional amendments **by a majority of**  
10 **the votes cast thereon statewide and also a majority of the**  
11 **votes cast thereon in each of more than half of the**  
12 **congressional districts in the state,** the same shall take  
13 effect at the end of [thirty] **thirty-one** days after the  
14 election. The result of the election shall be proclaimed by  
15 the governor.

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other  
2 applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state  
3 allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for  
4 the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of  
5 this state, the official summary statement of this  
6 resolution shall be as follows:

7 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to  
8 pass constitutional amendments proposed by  
9 initiative or convention by a statewide majority  
10 vote and a majority vote in a majority of  
11 congressional districts?".

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