

1 House Joint Resolution

2 A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3  
 3 of Article XI of the State Constitution to provide  
 4 threshold requirements for the number of petitions  
 5 needed to amend the Constitution by initiative.

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 7 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9 That the following amendment to Section 3 of Article XI of  
 10 the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to  
 11 the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next  
 12 general election or at an earlier special election specifically  
 13 authorized by law for that purpose:

14 ARTICLE XI  
 15 AMENDMENTS

16 SECTION 3. Initiative.—The power to propose the revision  
 17 or amendment of any portion or portions of this constitution by  
 18 initiative is reserved to the people, provided that, any such  
 19 revision or amendment, except for those limiting the power of  
 20 government to raise revenue, shall embrace but one subject and  
 21 matter directly connected therewith. It may be invoked by filing  
 22 with the custodian of state records a petition containing a copy  
 23 of the proposed revision or amendment, signed by a number of  
 24 electors in each ~~of one-half~~ of the congressional districts of  
 25 the state, and of the state as a whole, equal to eight percent

26 | of the votes cast in each of such districts respectively and in  
 27 | the state as a whole in the last preceding election in which  
 28 | presidential electors were chosen.

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

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32 | CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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33 | ARTICLE XI, SECTION 3

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34 | PETITION THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS FOR CITIZEN INITIATIVES.—

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35 | Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require that

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36 | a specified number of petitions must be obtained in each

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37 | congressional district within the State to place an initiative

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38 | on the ballot.