

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION BB

September 14, 2006, Introduced by Rep. Elsenheimer and referred to the Committee on House Oversight, Elections, and Ethics.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 2 of article XII, to revise the petition filing deadline and the petition signature requirements for amending the state constitution.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to revise the petition filing deadline and the petition signature requirements for amending the state constitution, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE XII

Sec. 2. Amendments may be proposed to this constitution by petition of the registered electors of this state. Every petition

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1 shall include the full text of the proposed amendment, **BE SIGNED BY**
2 **AT LEAST 1,000 REGISTERED ELECTORS IN EACH OF AT LEAST 1/2 OF THE**
3 **CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF THIS STATE**, and be signed by registered
4 electors of ~~the~~ **THIS** state equal in number to at least 10 percent
5 of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor at the last
6 preceding general election at which a governor was elected. ~~Such~~
7 ~~petitions~~ **PETITIONS** shall be filed with the ~~person authorized by~~
8 ~~law to receive the same at least 120 days before the election at~~
9 ~~which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon. Any such~~
10 **SECRETARY OF STATE, AS PROVIDED BY LAW. THE** petition shall be in
11 the form, and shall be signed and circulated in such manner, as
12 prescribed by law. The person authorized by law to ~~receive such~~
13 **CANVASS THE** petition shall upon its receipt determine, as provided
14 by law, the validity and sufficiency of the signatures on the
15 petition, and make an official announcement ~~thereof~~ **OF THE**
16 **VALIDITY AND SUFFICIENCY OF THE SIGNATURES ON THE PETITION** at least
17 60 days prior to the election at which the proposed amendment is to
18 be voted upon.

19 ~~Any~~ **AN** amendment proposed by ~~such~~ petition shall be
20 submitted ~~, not less than 120 days after it was filed,~~ to the
21 electors at the next general election. ~~Such~~ **THE** proposed
22 amendment, existing provisions of the constitution which would be
23 altered or abrogated ~~thereby~~ **BY THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT**, and the
24 question as it shall appear on the ballot shall be published in
25 full as provided by law. Copies of ~~such~~ **THE** publication shall be
26 posted in each polling place and furnished to news media as
27 provided by law.

1 The ballot to be used in ~~such~~ **THE** election shall contain a
2 statement of the purpose of the proposed amendment, expressed in
3 not more than 100 words, exclusive of **THE** caption. ~~Such~~ **THE**
4 statement of purpose and caption shall be prepared by the ~~person~~
5 ~~authorized by law~~ **STATE DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS**, and shall consist
6 of a true and impartial statement of the purpose of the **PROPOSED**
7 amendment in ~~such~~ language ~~as shall create~~ **THAT CREATES** no
8 prejudice for or against the proposed amendment.

9 If the proposed amendment is approved by a majority of the
10 electors voting on the question, it shall become part of the
11 constitution, and shall abrogate or amend existing provisions of
12 the constitution at the end of 45 days after the date of the
13 election at which it was approved. If two or more amendments
14 approved by the electors at the same election conflict, that
15 amendment receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail.

16 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
17 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election
18 in the manner provided by law.