

State of South Dakota

NINETY-THIRD SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2018

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. _____

Introduced by: _____

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the electors at the next general election
2 amendments to Article XXIII of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to
3 amendments to the Constitution.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE
5 OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 Section 1. That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendment to
7 Article XXIII, sections 1 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in
8 sections 2 and 3 of this Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the
9 electors of the state for approval.

10 Section 2. That Article XXIII, section 1 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be
11 amended to read as follows:

12 § 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by initiative or by a ~~majority~~
13 of two-thirds of all members of each house of the Legislature. An amendment proposed by
14 initiative shall require a petition signed by qualified voters equal in number to at least ten
15 percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election. The petition
16 containing the text of the proposed amendment and the names and addresses of its sponsors



1 shall be filed at least one year before the next general election at which the proposed amendment
2 is submitted to the voters. A proposed amendment may amend one or more articles and related
3 subject matter in other articles as necessary to accomplish the objectives of the amendment.

4 Section 3. That Article XXIII, section 3 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be
5 amended to read as follows:

6 § 3. Any constitutional amendment or revision ~~must~~ proposed by a vote of two-thirds of
7 each house of the Legislature shall be submitted to the voters and shall become a part of the
8 Constitution only ~~when~~ if approved by a majority of the votes cast ~~thereon~~ on the amendment
9 or revision. An amendment or revision proposed by initiative shall be submitted to the voters
10 and shall become a part of the Constitution only if approved by sixty percent of the votes cast
11 on the amendment or revision. The Legislature may provide for the withdrawal by its sponsors
12 of an initiated amendment at any time prior to its submission to the voters.