

IN THE SENATE

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
2 STATE OF IDAHO, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY REFERENDUM PETITION OR INITIATIVE
3 PETITION MUST BE SIGNED BY AT LEAST SIX PERCENT OF LEGAL VOTERS IN EACH
4 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT AT THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION; STATING THE QUESTION
5 TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO
6 PREPARE THE STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF
7 STATE TO PUBLISH THE AMENDMENT AND ARGUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW.
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9 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

10 SECTION 1. That Section 1, Article III of the Constitution of the State
11 of Idaho be amended to read as follows:

12 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE POWER -- ENACTING CLAUSE -- REFER-
13 ENDUM -- INITIATIVE. (1) The legislative power of the state shall
14 be vested in a senate and house of representatives. The enacting
15 clause of every bill shall be as follows: "Be it enacted by the Leg-
16 islature of the State of Idaho."

17 (2) The people reserve to themselves the power to approve or re-
18 ject at the polls any act or measure passed by the legislature. This
19 power is known as the referendum, and legal voters may, under such
20 conditions and in such manner as may be provided by acts of the leg-
21 islature, demand a referendum vote on any act or measure passed by
22 the legislature and cause the same to be submitted to a vote of the
23 people for their approval or rejection.

24 (3) The people reserve to themselves the power to propose laws, and
25 enact the same at the polls independent of the legislature. This
26 power is known as the initiative, and legal voters may, under such
27 conditions and in such manner as may be provided by acts of the leg-
28 islature, initiate any desired legislation and cause the same to be
29 submitted to the vote of the people at a general election for their
30 approval or rejection.

31 (4) Before any referendum petition or initiative petition may be
32 submitted to the vote of the people, there must be affixed thereto
33 the signatures of legal voters from each legislative district equal
34 in number to at least six percent of the legal voters at the time of
35 the last general election.

36 SECTION 2. The question to be submitted to the electors of the State of
37 Idaho at the next general election shall be as follows:

38 "Shall Section 1, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Idaho
39 be amended to provide that, before any referendum petition or initiative pe-
40 tition may be submitted to a vote of the people, there must be affixed thereto

1 the signatures of legal voters from each legislative district equal in num-
2 ber to at least six percent (6%) of the legal voters at the time of the last
3 general election?"

4 SECTION 3. The Legislative Council is directed to prepare the state-
5 ments required by Section 67-453, Idaho Code, and file the same.

6 SECTION 4. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to publish this
7 proposed constitutional amendment and arguments as required by law.