

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

BY NASH

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE III, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
2 STATE OF IDAHO RELATING TO BALLOT INITIATIVES; STATING THE QUESTION TO
3 BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO
4 PREPARE THE STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF
5 STATE TO PUBLISH THE AMENDMENT AND ARGUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW.
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7 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

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

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

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

22 The people reserve to themselves the power to propose laws, and
23 enact the same at the polls independent of the legislature. This
24 power is known as the initiative, and legal voters may, under such
25 conditions and in such manner as may be provided by acts of the leg-
26 islature, initiate any desired legislation and cause the same to be
27 submitted to the vote of the people at a general election for their
28 approval or rejection. Provided, that an initiative petition must
29 be signed by six percent of the qualified electors at the time of the
30 last general election in each of eighteen legislative districts;
31 that the total number of petition signatures shall be equal to six
32 percent of the qualified electors of the state at the time of the
33 last general election; and that petitions for an initiative shall
34 be circulated and signatures obtained beginning upon the date that
35 the petitioners receive both the fiscal impact statement and the
36 official ballot title from the secretary of state and extending
37 eighteen months from that date, or April 30 of the year of the next
38 general election, whichever occurs earlier. The last day for cir-
39 culating petitions and obtaining signatures shall be the last day
40 of April in the year an election on the initiative will be held.

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

3 "Shall Section 1, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho
4 be amended to provide that an initiative petition must be signed by six
5 percent of the qualified electors at the time of the last general election
6 in each of eighteen legislative districts; that the total number of peti-
7 tion signatures shall be equal to six percent of the qualified electors of
8 the state at the time of the last general election; that petitions for an
9 initiative shall be circulated and signatures obtained beginning upon the
10 date that the petitioners receive both the fiscal impact statement and the
11 official ballot title from the secretary of state and extending eighteen
12 months from that date, or April 30 of the year of the next general election,
13 whichever occurs earlier; and that the last day for circulating petitions
14 and obtaining signatures shall be the last day of April in the year an elec-
15 tion on the initiative will be held?"

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

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