

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 AN INITIATIVE PETITION MUST BE SIGNED  
3 BY AT LEAST SIX PERCENT OF LEGAL VOTERS IN EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT AT  
4 THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION; STATING THE QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE  
5 ELECTORATE; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO PREPARE THE STATE-  
6 MENTS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PUBLISH  
7 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  
11 State 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 initiative petition may be submitted to the vote of  
32 the people, there must be affixed thereto the signatures of legal  
33 voters from each legislative district equal in number to at least  
34 six percent of the legal voters at the time of the last general elec-  
35 tion.

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 initiative petition may be submitted  
40 to a vote of the people, there must be affixed thereto the signatures of legal

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

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

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