
DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the legislature's authority to propose a revision of an entire article of the constitution as one amendment that contains multiple objects or changes.

Present constitution (Art. XIII, §1) provides for the procedure to amend the constitution. Provides that an amendment to the constitution may be proposed by joint resolution at any regular session, or at any extraordinary session if the amendment is within the objects of the call. Provides that the proposed amendment will be submitted to the electors if two-thirds of the elected members of each house concur in the resolution. Requires that the joint resolution to specify the statewide election at which the proposed amendment will be submitted. Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Present constitution provides for the form of the proposed amendment. Provides that a proposed amendment shall have a title containing a brief summary of the changes proposed; shall be confined to one object; and shall set forth the entire article or the sections that are proposed to be revised or to be added. Provides that if an amendment revises an entire article of the constitution then it may contain multiple objects or changes. Further provides when multiple amendments are submitted at the same election, each amendment will be voted on separately by the electors.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that a constitutional amendment be clearly confined to one object and removes the legislature's ability to offer a constitutional amendment that provides for multiple objects in the revision of an entire article. Proposed constitutional amendment otherwise retains present constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 3, 2026.

(Amends Const. Art. XIII, §1(B))