102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0006

Introduced 2/8/2021, by Rep. Mark Batinick, Brad Halbrook, Dan Ugaste and Chris Bos

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 16 new

Amends the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitutional. Provides for a referendum to reject any Public Act by a petition signed by a number of electors. Provides signature and content requirements for the petition. Provides requirements for the validity and sufficiency of petitions. Provides that if a petition is valid and sufficient, the proposed referendum shall be submitted to the electors at the general election specified in the petition. Provides that if the voters in a specified election reject a Public Act, it shall cease to be in effect on the date specified in the referendum. Effective upon being declared adopted.
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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the
electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general
election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption
of this resolution a proposition to amend Article IV of the
Illinois Constitution by adding Section 16 as follows:

ARTICLE IV
THE LEGISLATURE

(ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 16 new)

SECTION 16. INITIATIVE TO HOLD A REFERENDUM ON LEGISLATION

(a) A referendum to reject any Public Act, excepting
appropriation measures, passed by the General Assembly and
enacted into law may be proposed by a petition signed by a
number of electors equal in number to at least 5% of the total
votes cast for Governor in the preceding gubernatorial
election. The petition shall be signed by the petitioning
electors and filed with the State Board of Elections not more
than 90 days after the enactment of the Public Act. A petition
shall contain the Public Act number, the date of the general
election at which the proposed amendment is to be submitted,
and the date, if the Public Act is rejected, that it will cease
to be in effect.

(b) The procedure for determining the validity and
sufficiency of a petition shall be provided by law. If the
petition is valid and sufficient, the proposed referendum
shall be submitted to the electors at the general election
specified in the petition. If the voters in the specified
election reject the Public Act, it shall cease to be in effect
on the date specified in the referendum.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
Constitutional Amendment Act.