



**102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2021 and 2022**

**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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3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the  
6 electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general  
7 election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption  
8 of this resolution a proposition to amend Article IV of the  
9 Illinois Constitution by adding Section 16 as follows:

10 ARTICLE IV  
11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 16 new)

13 SECTION 16. INITIATIVE TO HOLD A REFERENDUM ON LEGISLATION

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

1 and the date, if the Public Act is rejected, that it will cease  
2 to be in effect.

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

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## SCHEDULE

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