

AMENDMENTS TO LR 8CA

Introduced by Hudkins, 21

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 Section 1. At the general election in November 2008 the
4 following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall
5 be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval
6 or rejection:

7 To amend Article III, section 3:

8 III-3 The second power reserved is the referendum which
9 may be invoked, by petition, against any act or part of an act of
10 the Legislature, except those making appropriations for the expense
11 of the state government or a state institution existing at the time
12 of the passage of such act. Petitions invoking the referendum shall
13 be signed by not less than five percent of the registered voters
14 of the state, distributed as required for initiative petitions, and
15 filed in the office of the Secretary of State within ninety days
16 after the Legislature at which the act sought to be referred was
17 passed shall have adjourned sine die or for more than ninety days.
18 Each such petition shall set out the title of the act against which
19 the referendum is invoked and, in addition thereto, when only a
20 portion of the act is sought to be referred, the number of the
21 section or sections or portion of sections of the act designating
22 such portion. No more than one act or portion of an act of the
23 Legislature shall be the subject of each referendum petition. When

1 the referendum is thus invoked, the Secretary of State shall refer
2 the same to the electors for approval or rejection at the first
3 general election to be held not less than thirty days after the
4 filing of such petition.

5 When the referendum is invoked as to any act or part
6 of act, other than emergency acts or those for the immediate
7 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, by petition
8 signed by not less than ~~ten~~ five percent of the registered voters
9 of the state distributed as aforesaid, it shall suspend the taking
10 effect of such act or part of act until the same has been approved
11 by the electors of the state.

12 Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the
13 electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska,
14 Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

15 A constitutional amendment to change the number of
16 signatures required on referendum petitions to suspend the taking
17 effect of the law being referred.

18 For

19 Against.