

## ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 8CA**

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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1           THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA,  
2           FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

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

7           To amend Article III, section 2:

8           III-2. The first power reserved by the people is the  
9           initiative whereby laws may be enacted and constitutional amendments  
10          adopted by the people independently of the Legislature. This power may  
11          be invoked by petition wherein the proposed measure shall be set forth  
12          at length. If the petition be for the enactment of a law, it shall be  
13          signed by ~~seven~~ four percent of the registered voters of the  
14          state, and if the petition be for the amendment of the Constitution,  
15          the petition therefor shall be signed by ~~ten~~ fifteen percent of  
16          such registered voters. In all cases the registered voters signing  
17          such petition shall be so distributed as to include five percent of  
18          the registered voters of each of two-fifths of the counties of the

1 state, and when thus signed, the petition shall be filed with the  
2 Secretary of State who shall submit the measure thus proposed to the  
3 electors of the state at the first general election held not less than  
4 four months after such petition shall have been filed. The same  
5 measure, either in form or in essential substance, shall not be  
6 submitted to the people by initiative petition, either affirmatively  
7 or negatively, more often than once in three years. If conflicting  
8 measures submitted to the people at the same election be approved, the  
9 one receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall thereby  
10 become law as to all conflicting provisions. The constitutional  
11 limitations as to the scope and subject matter of statutes enacted by  
12 the Legislature shall apply to those enacted by the initiative.  
13 Initiative measures shall contain only one subject. The Legislature  
14 shall not amend, repeal, modify, or impair a law enacted by the people  
15 by initiative, contemporaneously with the adoption of this initiative  
16 measure or at any time thereafter, except upon a vote of at least  
17 two-thirds of all the members of the Legislature.

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

21 A constitutional amendment to change the number of  
22 signatures required on initiative petitions.

23 For

24 Against.