

AMENDMENTS TO LR 300CA

Introduced by Government, Military and Veterans Affairs.

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

3 Section 1. At the general election in November 2010 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 2:

8 III-2 The first power reserved by the people is
9 the initiative whereby laws may be enacted and constitutional
10 amendments adopted by the people independently of the Legislature.
11 This power may be invoked by petition wherein the proposed measure
12 shall be set forth at length. If the petition be for the enactment
13 of a law, it shall be signed by ~~seven~~ four percent of the
14 registered voters of the state, and if the petition be for the
15 amendment of the Constitution, the petition therefor shall be
16 signed by ten percent of such registered voters. In all cases the
17 registered voters signing such petition shall be so distributed
18 as to include five percent of the registered voters of each of
19 two-fifths of the counties of the state. When ~~and when~~ thus
20 signed, the petition shall be filed with the Secretary of State who
21 shall submit the measure thus proposed to the electors of the state
22 at the first general election held not less than four months after
23 such petition ~~shall have been~~ is filed. The same measure, either

1 in form or in essential substance, shall not be submitted to the
2 people by initiative petition, either affirmatively or negatively,
3 more often than once in three years. If conflicting measures
4 submitted to the people at the same election be approved, the one
5 receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall thereby
6 become law as to all conflicting provisions. The constitutional
7 limitations as to the scope and subject matter of statutes enacted
8 by the Legislature shall apply to those enacted by the initiative.
9 Initiative measures shall contain only one subject. The Legislature
10 shall not amend, repeal, modify, or impair a law enacted by the
11 people by initiative, contemporaneously with the adoption of this
12 initiative measure or at any time thereafter, except upon a vote of
13 at least two-thirds of all the members of the Legislature.

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

17 A constitutional amendment to change the number of
18 signatures required for an initiative petition for the enactment of
19 a law.

20 For

21 Against.