

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 393CA

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

1 THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF
2 NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

3 Section 1. At the general election in November 2014 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
11 may be invoked by petition wherein the proposed measure shall be set
12 forth at length. If the petition be for the enactment of a law, it
13 shall be signed by ~~seven~~ three percent of the registered voters of
14 the state, and if the petition be for the amendment of the
15 Constitution, the petition therefor shall be signed by ~~ten~~ five
16 percent of such registered voters. ~~In all cases~~ For a petition for
17 the enactment of a law, the registered voters signing such petition
18 shall be so distributed as to include three percent of the registered

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

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

1 A constitutional amendment to change the number of
2 signatures required for an initiative petition.

3 For

4 Against.