

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 24CA

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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

3 Section 1. At the general election in November 2022 the following
4 proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to
5 the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

6 To amend Article III, section 2:

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

1 people at the same election be approved, the one receiving the highest
2 number of affirmative votes shall thereby become law as to all
3 conflicting provisions. The constitutional limitations as to the scope
4 and subject matter of statutes enacted by the Legislature shall apply to
5 those enacted by the initiative. Initiative measures shall contain only
6 one general subject which may include provisions that have a connection
7 to the general subject of the measure. The Legislature shall not amend,
8 repeal, modify, or impair a law enacted by the people by initiative,
9 contemporaneously with the adoption of this initiative measure or at any
10 time thereafter, except upon a vote of at least two-thirds of all the
11 members of the Legislature.

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

15 A constitutional amendment to change the one-subject requirement for
16 initiative measures.

17 For

18 Against.