

# State of South Dakota

## NINETY-THIRD SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2018

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the electors at the next general election  
2 an amendment to Article XXIII, of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, relating  
3 to amendments to the Constitution.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE  
5 OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 Section 1. That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendments to  
7 Article XXIII, sections 1 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in  
8 sections 2 and 3 of this Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the  
9 electors of the state for approval.

10 Section 2. That Article XXIII, section 1 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 § 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by initiative or by a majority vote  
13 of all members of each house of the Legislature. An amendment proposed by initiative shall  
14 require a petition signed by qualified voters equal in number to at least ten percent of the total  
15 votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election. The petition containing the text of the  
16 proposed amendment and the names and addresses of its sponsors shall be filed at least one year



1 before the next general election at which the proposed amendment is first submitted to the  
2 voters. A proposed amendment may amend one or more articles and related subject matter in  
3 other articles as necessary to accomplish the objectives of the amendment.

4 Section 3. That Article XXIII, section 3 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 § 3. Any constitutional amendment or revision ~~must~~ shall be submitted to the voters and  
7 shall become a part of the Constitution only when approved by a majority of the votes cast  
8 ~~thereon~~ on the amendment or revision in accordance with this section. An amendment proposed  
9 by initiative shall be submitted to the voters at two consecutive general elections. An  
10 amendment proposed by a majority vote of all members of each house of the Legislature shall  
11 be referred to the Legislature at its first regular session held after the next general election, and  
12 if approved by a majority of all members of each house of the Legislature, the amendment shall  
13 be submitted to the voters. The Legislature may provide for the withdrawal by its sponsors of  
14 an ~~initiated~~ amendment proposed by initiative at any time prior to its submission to the voters.