



**103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2023 and 2024**

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**SC0012**

Introduced 3/30/2023, by Sen. Dan McConchie

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 16 new

Amends the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides for a referendum to reject any Public Act by a petition signed by a number of electors. Provides signature and content requirements for the petition. Provides requirements for the validity and sufficiency of petitions. Provides that if a petition is valid and sufficient, the proposed referendum shall be submitted to the electors at the general election specified in the petition. Provides that if the voters in a specified election reject a Public Act, it shall cease to be in effect on the date specified in the referendum. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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1                                   SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION  
2                                   CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be  
6 submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or  
7 rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6  
8 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to  
9 amend Article IV of the Illinois Constitution by adding  
10 Section 16 as follows:

11                                   ARTICLE IV  
12                                   THE LEGISLATURE

13           (IILCON Art. IV, Sec. 16 new)

14   SECTION 16. INITIATIVE TO HOLD A REFERENDUM ON LEGISLATION

15       (a) A referendum to reject any Public Act, excepting  
16 appropriation measures, passed by the General Assembly and  
17 enacted into law may be proposed by a petition signed by a  
18 number of electors equal in number to at least 5% of the total  
19 votes cast for Governor in the preceding gubernatorial  
20 election. The petition shall be signed by the petitioning  
21 electors and filed with the State Board of Elections not more  
22 than 90 days after the enactment of the Public Act. A petition  
23 shall contain the Public Act number, the date of the general

1 election at which the proposed amendment is to be submitted,  
2 and the date, if the Public Act is rejected, that it will cease  
3 to be in effect.

4 (b) The procedure for determining the validity and  
5 sufficiency of a petition shall be provided by law. If the  
6 petition is valid and sufficient, the proposed referendum  
7 shall be submitted to the electors at the general election  
8 specified in the petition. If the voters in the specified  
9 election reject the Public Act, it shall cease to be in effect  
10 on the date specified in the referendum.

11 SCHEDULE

12 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being  
13 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois  
14 Constitutional Amendment Act.