
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the people to propose constitutional amendments and propose, amend, or repeal laws by initiative in the manner provided by law

Present constitution provides that the legislative power of the state is vested in a legislature, composed of a Senate and a House of Representatives.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution but adds that the legislative power of the state is subject to the power reserved to the people to propose by initiative a new law, an amendment to or repeal of an existing law, or an amendment to this constitution and to adopt or reject such a proposal, through or independent of the legislature.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that the legislature shall provide by law for the procedure, form, and manner by which the people may exercise the rights reserved to them by proposed constitutional amendment.

Present constitution provides for the procedure and form in which an amendment to the constitution may be proposed by the legislature and how such an amendment is ratified.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains such procedures for an amendment to the constitution proposed by the legislature and additionally specifies that an amendment to the constitution may be proposed by initiative of the people and adopted as provided by the legislature, all as provided in the proposed constitutional amendment.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Oct. 14, 2023.

(Amends Const. Art. III, §1, and Art. XIII, §1)