
DIGEST

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

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitutional provisions except that it provides that the legislative power of the state shall be subject to the power reserved to the people to approve or reject any law which is proposed by the legislature as a public referendum. Additionally provides that such referendum maybe effected only as to the enactment of a new law proposed as such by a favorable record vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house after the effective date of the proposed constitutional amendment.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that no more than two public referenda be submitted to the electors of this state by the legislature in a calendar year and may only be placed on a ballot during a regularly scheduled statewide election.

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 to approve or reject laws.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the gubernatorial primary election in 1999.

(Amends Const. Art. III, Section 1(A))