

The Perfect Democracy Amendment

(A proposed amendment to Article V of the Constitution of the United States)

Article V is amended to read as follows:

Section 1.

The People of the United States reserve the power to propose and enact legislation and amendments to this Constitution by the initiative, independent of Congress, and reserve the power to approve or reject by referendum any act of Congress, except as hereinafter provided.

Congress shall establish and maintain an Initiative Commission to assist citizens in drafting proposed legislation and amendments and ordering veto referendums. Such assistance shall be available upon receipt of a request for assistance signed by one thousand or more citizens of the United States. The Initiative Commission shall advise citizens seeking assistance of any potential conflicts between legislation being proposed by the initiative and the Constitution of the United States.

One third of the members of Congress may submit legislation, including proposed amendments to this Constitution, to the People for their approval or rejection, by signing a resolution containing the full text of the legislation or proposed amendment.

One third of the members of Congress may call for a veto referendum on any act passed by Congress by signing a resolution containing the full text of proposed legislation or the text of legislation enacted, along with the reasons they believe the legislation should be vetoed by the people.

Section 2.

Proposals for legislation made by the People of the United States through the initiative shall begin with the enacting clause "Be it enacted by the People of the United States". Proposals for constitutional amendments made by the People of the United States through the initiative shall begin with the enacting clause "Be it resolved by the People of the United States that the Constitution be amended".

Every such petition and/or electronic statement of support shall contain the proper enacting clause and the full text of the measure. Petitions for constitutional amendments shall not contain more than one amended and revised article of this constitution, or one new article which shall not contain more than one subject and matters properly connected therewith.

Legislation or amendments to this constitution being proposed by the initiative, or calls for a referendum, shall be posted online when submitted along with Statements of Support from one thousand or more citizens of the United States. Physical copies of legislation or amendments being proposed shall be made available to citizens upon request.

If concerns regarding the constitutionality of legislation being proposed by the initiative have not, in the opinion of the Initiative Commission, been resolved, an advisory warning from the Commission shall be posted online along with the proposed legislation and included on any physical copies of the proposed legislation that are printed.

The Initiative Commission shall facilitate electronic filing of Statements of Support for legislation or amendments being proposed, or for calling a referendum, by establishing and maintaining a system of Online Accounts for Politically Active Citizens. The Initiative Commission shall be responsible for ensuring the security of that system and protecting the privacy of citizens utilizing that system.

The Initiative Commission shall create suitable forms for Statements of Support and make those forms available online, with physical copies available upon request. Statements of support may be submitted electronically or by submitting physical copies to the Initiative Commission.

Section 3.

The total number of votes cast for all seats in the U. S. House of Representatives in the general election last preceding the filing of any initiative petition or veto referendum shall be used to determine the number of statements of support necessary to place a proposal on the ballot through the initiative or call for a veto referendum.

Referendums shall be conducted on any legislation or amendments to this Constitution proposed through the initiative for which statements of support have been submitted by a number of citizens equal to or greater than seven percent or more of the total number of votes cast in the immediately preceding congressional election, and for any veto referendums for which statements of support have been submitted by a number of citizens equal to or greater than five percent of the votes cast in the immediately preceding congressional election.

Referendums shall be conducted on the fourth day of July of each calendar year for all ballot proposals and veto referendums for which the required number of statements of support have been submitted to the Initiative Commission by the fourth day of April preceding the referendum.

The veto power of the president shall not extend to legislation or amendments proposed by the initiative. All measures referred to the people shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon, and not otherwise. When conflicting measures are approved at the same election, the one receiving the largest affirmative vote shall prevail. Any act of Congress proposing to repeal or amend legislation proposed and adopted by the people of the United State through the initiative shall not take effect unless and until approved by the people in a subsequent referendum.