CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FULL TEXT

Ballot Title: Allowing all voters to electronically sign petitions.

Ballot Summary: Require the Florida Division of Elections to use the same verification system used to allow eligible voters to register to vote online, to verify their identity online for the purpose of electronically signing any petition to amend Florida's Constitution or to qualify a candidate or issue for the election ballot.

Article and Section Being Created or Amended: Amending Article XI, Section 3.

Full Text of the Proposed Amendment: Section 3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT Words added are <u>underlined</u>. Words removed are <u>struck through</u>.

SECTION 3. Initiative.—The power to propose the revision or amendment of any portion or portions of this constitution by initiative is reserved to the people, provided that any such revision or amendment, except for those limiting the power of government to raise revenue, shall embrace but one subject and matter directly connected therewith. It may be invoked by filing with the custodian of state records a petition containing a copy of the proposed revision or amendment, signed by a number of electors in each of one half of the congressional districts of the state, and of the state as a whole, equal to eight percent of the votes cast in each of such districts respectively and in the state as a whole in the last preceding election in which presidential electors were chosen. The Florida Secretary of State shall instruct the Florida Division of Elections to establish within ninety days of the passage of this amendment, the same verification process used to allow eligible voters to register to vote on the Florida Division of Elections website, to be available for registered voters to verify their identity online for the purpose of electronically signing any petition for a proposed Amendment to Florida's Constitution, in addition to any petition for a candidate or issue to qualify to be included on an election ballot. Electronic signatures verified by the Florida Division of Elections shall be accepted by the Supervisor of Elections of every county in Florida, and all election officials at the municipal, county or state level, as valid signatures on constitutional amendment petitions, petitions to qualify as a candidate, and ballot initiative petitions.

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