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Summary: Constitutional amendment proposed

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION BY AMENDING SECTION 18, RELATING TO FORMALITIES OF ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT NO BILL OR JOINT RESOLUTION SHALL HAVE THE FORCE OF LAW UNLESS THE NAMES OF THE PERSONS VOTING FOR AND AGAINST IT ARE ENTERED ON THE JOURNALS OF BOTH HOUSES RESPECTIVELY.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. It is proposed that Section 18, Article III of the Constitution of this State be amended to read:

“Section 18. No Bill or Joint Resolution shall have the force of law until it shall have been read three times and on three several days in each house, the names of the persons voting for and against the Bill or Joint Resolution entered on the Journals of both houses respectively, has had the Great Seal of the State affixed to it, and has been signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives: Provided, That either branch of the General Assembly may provide by rule for a first and third reading of any Bill or Joint Resolution by its title only.”

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed or written on the ballot:

“Must Section 18, Article III of the Constitution of the State be amended to provide that no Bill or Joint Resolution shall have the force of law until the names of the persons voting for and against the Bill or Joint Resolution have been entered on the Journals of both houses respectively?”

Yes 

No 

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘Yes’, and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘No’.”

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