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Primary Sponsor: Rep. Stewart

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SUMMARY

- Proposes an amendment to the Ohio Constitution, to appear on the ballot at the May 2, 2023, primary election.
- Requires any future constitutional amendment to be approved by at least 60% of the voters.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

The resolution proposes an amendment to the Ohio Constitution, to appear on the ballot at the May 2, 2023, primary election.

Under the proposal, any future constitutional amendment must be approved by at least 60% of the voters, instead of by a simple majority (50% plus one vote) as currently required under the Constitution. This requirement would apply to any constitutional amendment, whether proposed by initiative petition, by the General Assembly, or by a constitutional convention.¹

If the proposal is approved by a majority vote of the electors, it takes effect immediately and applies to any constitutional amendment appearing on the ballot at a later election.

For more information about the current procedures for amending the Ohio Constitution, see LSC's Members Brief, *Statewide Ballot Issues* (PDF).²

HISTORY

¹ Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 1b and art. XVI, secs. 1 and 3; conforming changes in art. II, secs. 1e and 1g.

² Available on LSC's website, <u>lsc.ohio.gov</u>, under "Publications," "Members Briefs."

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