

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 297CA**

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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Committee: Executive Board

1 THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND  
2 SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

3 **Section 1.** At the general election in November 2026, the following  
4 proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to  
5 the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

6 To amend Article III, sections 2 and 27:

7 **III-2** The first power reserved by the people is the initiative  
8 whereby laws may be enacted and constitutional amendments adopted by the  
9 people independently of the Legislature. This power may be invoked by  
10 petition wherein the proposed measure shall be set forth at length. If  
11 the petition be for the enactment of a law, it shall be signed by seven  
12 percent of the registered voters of the state, and if the petition be for  
13 the amendment of the Constitution, the petition therefor shall be signed  
14 by ten percent of such registered voters. In all cases the registered  
15 voters signing such petition shall be so distributed as to include five  
16 percent of the registered voters of each of two-fifths of the counties of  
17 the state, and when thus signed, the petition shall be filed with the  
18 Secretary of State who shall submit the measure thus proposed to the  
19 electors of the state at the first general election held not less than  
20 four months after such petition shall have been filed. The same measure,  
21 either in form or in essential substance, shall not be submitted to the  
22 people by initiative petition, either affirmatively or negatively, more  
23 often than once in three years. If conflicting measures submitted to the

1 people at the same election be approved, the one receiving the highest  
2 number of affirmative votes shall thereby become law as to all  
3 conflicting provisions. The constitutional limitations as to the scope  
4 and subject matter of statutes enacted by the Legislature shall apply to  
5 those enacted by the initiative. Initiative measures shall contain only  
6 one subject. The Legislature shall not amend, repeal, modify, or impair a  
7 law enacted by the people by initiative, contemporaneously with the  
8 adoption of this initiative measure or at any time thereafter, except  
9 upon a vote of at least two-thirds of all the members of the Legislature.  
10 Any legislation approved by two-thirds of the members of the Legislature  
11 and approved by the Governor to amend, repeal, modify, or impair a law  
12 enacted by initiative shall be submitted to the electors of the state at  
13 the next statewide general election. The law enacted by initiative shall  
14 remain in full force and effect until such legislation takes effect. No  
15 such legislation shall take effect unless approved by the voters voting  
16 on the issue, and if approved by the voters, such legislation shall take  
17 effect upon proclamation by the Governor which shall be made within ten  
18 days after the official canvass of such votes.

19 **III-27** No act shall take effect until three calendar months after  
20 the adjournment of the session at which it passed, unless in case of  
21 emergency, which is expressed in the preamble or body of the act, the  
22 Legislature shall by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected  
23 otherwise direct. Legislation that amends, repeals, modifies, or impairs  
24 a law enacted by the people by initiative shall take effect as provided  
25 in Article III, section 2, of this Constitution. All laws shall be  
26 published within sixty days after the adjournment of each session and  
27 distributed among the several counties in such manner as the Legislature  
28 may provide.

29 **Sec. 2.** The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors  
30 in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI,  
31 section 1, with the following ballot language:

1           A constitutional amendment to require any legislation that would  
2 amend, repeal, modify, or impair a law enacted by initiative to be  
3 submitted to the electors of the state for approval.

4           For

5           Against.