



General Assembly

***Proposed Senate Joint
Resolution No. 5***

January Session, 2005

LCO No. 2

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and
Elections

Introduced by:

SEN. GUNTHER, 21st Dist.

***RESOLUTION PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO
PROVIDE FOR DIRECT INITIATIVE.***

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 That the third and eleventh articles of the state Constitution be
2 amended to grant to the electors of this state, independent of the
3 General Assembly, the power to propose laws by initiative and to
4 enact or reject them at an election; that an initiative measure be
5 proposed by presenting to the Secretary of the State a petition that sets
6 forth the text of the proposed law and that is certified to have been
7 signed by a number of electors equal to at least five per cent of those
8 registered to vote in the preceding gubernatorial election; that no
9 initiative measure that (1) names an individual to hold any office, (2)
10 names a private corporation to perform any function or to have any
11 power, (3) creates or abolishes courts, prescribes their rules or alters
12 their decisions, (4) proposes special legislation affecting municipalities,
13 (5) affects appropriations for usual current expenses of the state, or (6)
14 was the subject of an initiative proposal within the two preceding
15 calendar years shall be submitted to the electors or have any effect; and

16 that no legislative action shall be taken with respect to any proposal
17 submitted to the electorate until the third legislative session following
18 such submittal.

Statement of Purpose:

To grant the power of direct initiative to Connecticut voters.