



General Assembly

***Proposed House Joint  
Resolution No. 18***

*January Session, 2009*

LCO No. 1524

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and  
Elections

Introduced by:  
SEN. CALIGIURI, 16th Dist.

***RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE  
CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR DIRECT INITIATIVE AND  
REFERENDUM EXCEPT FOR MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE STATE  
BUDGET.***

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 That section 1 of article third of the Constitution be amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 The legislative power of this state, except for the powers of initiative  
4 and referendum reserved by the people, shall be vested in two distinct  
5 houses or branches; the one to be styled the senate, the other the house  
6 of representatives, and both together the general assembly. The style of  
7 their laws shall be: Be it enacted by the Senate and House of  
8 Representatives in General Assembly convened; and that article  
9 eleventh of the Constitution be amended by adding sections 6 and 7  
10 that provide: (1) An initiative measure may be proposed by presenting  
11 to the Secretary of the State a petition that sets forth the text of the  
12 proposed law and that is certified to have been signed by a number of  
13 electors equal to at least five per cent of those registered to vote in the

14 preceding gubernatorial election, and (2) a referendum measure may  
15 be proposed by presenting to the Secretary of the State a petition that  
16 sets forth the law or part thereof to be submitted to the electors for  
17 approval or rejection and that is certified to have been signed by a  
18 number of electors equal to at least five per cent of those registered to  
19 vote in the preceding gubernatorial election.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide the right of initiative and referendum to state voters, except for matters relating to the state budget.