



General Assembly

***Proposed House Joint  
Resolution No. 14***

*January Session, 2013*

LCO No. 1105

Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT  
ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
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***RESOLUTION PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO  
PROVIDE FOR DIRECT REFERENDUM.***

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 approve or reject at an election any  
4 statute or any part thereof; that a referendum measure be proposed by  
5 presenting to the Secretary of the State a petition that sets forth the law  
6 or part thereof to be submitted to the electors for approval or rejection  
7 and that is certified to have been signed by a number of electors equal  
8 to at least five per cent of those registered to vote in the preceding  
9 gubernatorial election; that special acts, laws necessary for the  
10 immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, laws  
11 requiring elections, laws providing for tax levies or appropriations for  
12 usual current expenses of the state and laws submitted to a  
13 referendum within the two preceding calendar years shall not be  
14 subject to a referendum. No legislative action shall be taken with  
15 respect to any law submitted to the electorate until the third legislative

16 session following such submittal.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide for direct public participation in the legislative process.