

To ensure a healthy democracy, citizens must have a direct way to amend their constitution. The 50% plus one passage threshold should be maintained. Significant interest in an issue is currently necessary to get it on the ballot; a percentage of voters in half of Ohio's counties must support putting it to a vote. Ohioans have been careful about approving ballot initiatives; only 19 of 71 have passed. Given this successful history, initiatives should be passed by the majority of voters. HJR1 amounts to a change in our constitution, and it would require 50% plus 1 to pass – the current threshold! If 50%plus 1 is sufficient for this change, it is sufficient for all changes to the constitution.