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Currently, the Legislature can repeal or change initiated measures approved by the voters through the regular legislative process.

This constitutional amendment restricts the Legislature's ability to change or repeal voter-approved initiated measures for seven years after a measure goes into effect. Within those seven years, the Legislature may still pass legislation that changes or repeals laws approved by initiated measure, but that legislation must pass by a three-fourths vote of all members in each house of the Legislature. The voters must also approve that legislation at the next general election before the legislation becomes effective.

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