

# SIGN FOR CONSUMERS RIGHT TO KNOW

## FLORIDA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PETITION FORM

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Voter Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

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For Voter Registration ? Yes No

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IT'S the LAW! - Florida Statutes 775.082 or 775.083

**Your signature only gives Us the Right to Vote on this amendment**

I AM A REGISTERED VOTER OF FLORIDA AND HEREBY PETITION THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PLACE THE FULL TEXT OF THIS AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION ON THE BALLOT IN THE GENERAL ELECTION

### TITLE: LABELING OF FOODS THAT ARE GENETICALLY ENGINEERED

**Summary: Requires Labeling of Foods that are Genetically Engineered for any Foods sold or distributed in or from Florida. Allows Consumers the Right to Know whether Foods are Genetically Engineered. Foods prepared, served or sold in restaurants for immediate human consumption are excluded from labeling requirements.**

Full Text: Article I of the Florida Constitution is hereby amended by adding the Following Section: Labeling of Foods that are Genetically Engineered.

(1) The legislature shall prescribe and enact measures to fund, implement and enforce this Section. (2) For purposes of this section:

(a) "Agricultural products" means any agricultural, horticultural, viticultural, or vegetable product grown or produced; (b) "Food" means any articles used for food or drink, chewing gum, and articles used for components, including food additives, of any such article; (c) "Genetically engineered food" means: (i) All foods derived in whole or in part from any genetically engineered microorganism, organism, plant or livestock, if that genetically engineered material accounts for more than one tenth of one percent of the weight of any ingredient or component of the product (but not otherwise); (ii) All food products prepared or processed using genetically engineered enzymes or other genetically engineered processing agents, whether those enzymes or agents are present in the final product or not; (iii) All foods derived from agricultural products cultivated using genetically engineered agricultural inputs, whether those inputs are present in the final product or not; or (iv) All dairy and meat products derived from livestock that have been fed genetically engineered material or derived from livestock that have been treated with genetically engineered hormones or drugs. (d) "Genetically engineered material" means material derived from any part of a genetically engineered organism (e) "Genetically engineered organism" means (i) an organism that has been altered at the molecular or cellular level by means that are not possible under natural conditions or processes, (including but not limited to recombinant DNA and RNA techniques, cell fusion, micro-encapsulation and macro-encapsulation, gene deletion and doubling, introducing a foreign gene, and changing the positions of genes), other than a means consisting exclusively of breeding, conjugation, fermentation, hybridization, in-vitro fertilization, or tissue culture; or (ii) an organism made through sexual or asexual reproduction (or both) involving an organism described in sub-clause (i). (f) "Label" means a display of written, printed, or graphic matter upon or connected to the immediate container or surface of any article; and on the outside container or wrapper, if any, of a bulk, wholesale or retail package of such article, or easily legible through such outside container or wrapper; and (g) "Labeling" means all labels and other written, printed, or graphic matter upon an article or any of its containers or wrappers, or accompanying such article. (3) Labeling. (a) All foods which contain a genetically engineered material, or were produced with a genetically engineered material that are sold or distributed in or from Florida, shall bear a label stating "Genetically Engineered" and "NOTICE: this product contains a genetically engineered material, or was produced with a genetically engineered material". (b) The notices required in clauses (i) and (ii) shall be clearly legible and conspicuous. (4) Additional labeling requirements. (a) Labels providing notices as required in section (3) shall appear on the outside container or wrapper of every genetically engineered food or food product; (b) Genetically engineered foods that are: (i) measurably altered in composition or nutritional value, or that require preparation steps different from their natural counterparts shall, in addition to being labeled as required in section (3) be labeled to specify those changes in properties; (ii) resulting from trans-species gene transfers shall specify, in the label, the source of the transgene used and the purpose of the transfer. (iii) resulting from transfer of animal genes into plants shall be labeled to so indicate in a manner that will allow vegetarians and those with dietary restrictions to observe their dietary guideline. (5) The labeling provisions of this section do not apply to food that is prepared, served or sold in restaurants. (6) If any portion of this section is held invalid for any reason, the remaining portion of this section, to the fullest extent possible, shall be severed from the invalid portion and given the fullest possible force and application one hundred eighty days after approval by the electorate.