

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CUNNINGHAM.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment to article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section relating to guaranteeing the right to vote by secret ballot.

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*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:*

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2010, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article I of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Article I, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding one new section, to be known as section 35, to read as follows:

**Section 35. That the right of individuals to vote by secret ballot is fundamental and thus, where state or federal law requires public elections for public office or public votes on initiatives or referenda, or where state or federal law requires designations or authorizations of employee representation, the right of individuals to vote by secret ballot shall be guaranteed.**

Section B. The official ballot title for section A of this act shall read as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to provide that voting by secret ballot is a fundamental right, and to prohibit the infringement or impairment of the right to vote by secret ballot in public elections or where any federal or state law requires designations or authorizations of employee representation?

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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6           It is estimated this proposal will have no costs or savings to state or local government  
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