

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SIFTON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 52(a) of article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the referendum process.

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
2 following the first Monday in November, 2012, or at a special election to be called by the
3 governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for
4 adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article III of the Constitution of the state of
5 Missouri:

Section A. Section 52(a), article III, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new
2 section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 52(a), to read as follows:

Section 52(a). **1.** A referendum may be ordered (except as to laws necessary for the
2 immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, and laws making appropriations for
3 the current expenses of the state government, for the maintenance of state institutions and for the
4 support of public schools) either by petitions signed by five percent of the legal voters in each
5 of two-thirds of the congressional districts in the state, or by the general assembly, as other bills
6 are enacted. Referendum petitions shall be filed with the secretary of state not more than ninety
7 days after the final adjournment of the session of the general assembly which passed the bill on
8 which the referendum is demanded.

**2. The power to repeal or amend in any manner whatsoever a statute passed by the
10 referendum process under subsection 1 of this section shall not be exercised by a simple
11 majority vote of the general assembly until after the convening of the third regular session**

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.

12 of the general assembly occurring after the effective date of such statute. The general
13 assembly may, by a supermajority vote of two-thirds of all elected members, repeal or
14 amend such statute after the convening of the first regular session of the general assembly
15 occurring after the effective date of such statute. The general assembly may, by a
16 supermajority vote of four-sevenths of all elected members, repeal or amend such a statute
17 after the convening of the second regular session of the general assembly occurring after
18 the effective date of such statute.

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