

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BARNES.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 7 of article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to public aid for education.

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, 2012, 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Section A. Section 7, article I, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 7, to read as follows:

Section 7. That no money shall ever be taken from the public treasury, directly or indirectly, in aid of any church, sect or denomination of religion, or in aid of any priest, preacher, minister or teacher thereof, as such; and that no preference shall be given to nor any discrimination made against any church, sect or creed of religion, or any form of religious faith or worship. **Notwithstanding this or any other provisions of this constitution, the general assembly may provide grants, scholarships, loans, or other assistance to students and to parents of students to pay for education at any accredited school of elementary or secondary education they select, including religious schools.**

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, RSMo, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the General Assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission

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.

3 of a joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official ballot title of the amendment proposed
4 in section A shall be as follows:

5 "Shall the Constitution of the State of Missouri be amended in a manner consistent with
6 the First Amendment to the United States Constitution so as to prevent discrimination in the
7 distribution of public funds by allowing religious people and institutions to receive aid on the
8 same terms as everyone else?".

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