

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 55

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES DUGGER (Sponsor), WELLS, CRAWFORD, ROWLAND, FISHER, ENTLICHER, NETH, FITZWATER, POLLOCK, CONWAY (14), SCHAD, BURLISON, KOENIG, KELLEY (126), SMITH (150), GRISAMORE AND LOEHNER (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 2(b) of article XII of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to amending the constitution.

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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, 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 XII of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 2(b), article XII, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 2(b), to read as follows:

Section 2(b). All amendments proposed by the general assembly or by the initiative shall be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection by official ballot title as may be provided by law, on a separate ballot without party designation, at the next general election, or at a special election called by the governor prior thereto, at which he may submit any of the amendments. No such proposed amendment shall contain more than one amended and revised article of this constitution, or one new article which shall not contain more than one subject and matters properly connected therewith. If possible, each proposed amendment shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in two newspapers of different political faith in each county, the last publication to be not more than thirty nor less than fifteen days next preceding

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.

10 the election. If there be but one newspaper in any county, publication for four consecutive weeks  
11 shall be made. If a majority of the votes cast **statewide and a majority of votes cast in each**  
12 **of a majority of congressional districts** thereon is in favor of any amendment, the same shall  
13 take effect at the end of thirty days after the election. More than one amendment at the same  
14 election shall be so submitted as to enable the electors to vote on each amendment separately.

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