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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 2 of article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the number of members of the house of representatives.

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, 2018, 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Section A. Section 2, article III, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new
2 section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 2, to read as follows:

Section 2. The house of representatives shall consist of one hundred [~~sixty-three~~ **thirty-**
2 **six** members elected at each general election and apportioned in the following manner: Within
3 sixty days after the population of this state is reported to the President for each decennial census
4 of the United States and, in the event that a reapportionment has been invalidated by a court of
5 competent jurisdiction, within sixty days after notification by the governor that such a ruling has
6 been made, the congressional district committee of each of the two parties casting the highest
7 vote for governor at the last preceding election shall meet and the members of the committee
8 shall nominate, by a majority vote of the members of the committee present, provided that a
9 majority of the elected members is present, two members of their party, residents in that district,
10 as nominees for reapportionment commissioners. Neither party shall select more than one
11 nominee from any one state legislative district. The congressional committees shall each submit

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 to the governor their list of elected nominees. Within thirty days the governor shall appoint a
13 commission consisting of one name from each list to reapportion the state into one hundred [~~and~~
14 ~~sixty-three~~] **thirty-six** representative districts and to establish the numbers and boundaries of said
15 districts.

16 If any of the congressional committees fails to submit a list within such time the governor
17 shall appoint a member of his own choice from that district and from the political party of the
18 committee failing to make the appointment.

19 Members of the commission shall be disqualified from holding office as members of the
20 general assembly for four years following the date of the filing by the commission of its final
21 statement of apportionment.

22 For the purposes of this article, the term congressional district committee or
23 congressional district refers to the congressional district committee or the congressional district
24 from which a congressman was last elected, or, in the event members of congress from this state
25 have been elected at large, the term congressional district committee refers to those persons who
26 last served as the congressional district committee for those districts from which congressmen
27 were last elected, and the term congressional district refers to those districts from which
28 congressmen were last elected. Any action pursuant to this section by the congressional district
29 committee shall take place only at duly called meetings, shall be recorded in their official
30 minutes and only members present in person shall be permitted to vote.

31 The commissioners so selected shall on the fifteenth day, excluding Sundays and
32 holidays, after all members have been selected, meet in the capitol building and proceed to
33 organize by electing from their number a chairman, vice chairman and secretary and shall adopt
34 an agenda establishing at least three hearing dates on which hearings open to the public shall be
35 held. A copy of the agenda shall be filed with the clerk of the house of representatives within
36 twenty-four hours after its adoption. Executive meetings may be scheduled and held as often as
37 the commission deems advisable.

38 The commission shall reapportion the representatives by dividing the population of [~~the~~
39 ~~state by the number one hundred sixty-three~~] **each senate district by four**, and shall establish
40 each district so that the population of that district shall, as nearly as possible, equal that figure.
41 **There shall be four representatives per senate district.**

42 Each district shall be composed of contiguous territory as compact as may be.

43 Not later than five months after the appointment of the commission, the commission shall
44 file with the secretary of state a tentative plan of apportionment and map of the proposed districts
45 and during the ensuing fifteen days shall hold such public hearings as may be necessary to hear
46 objections or testimony of interested persons.

47 Not later than six months after the appointment of the commission, the commission shall
48 file with the secretary of state a final statement of the numbers and the boundaries of the districts
49 together with a map of the districts, and no statement shall be valid unless approved by at least
50 seven-tenths of the members.

51 After the statement is filed members of the house of representatives shall be elected
52 according to such districts until a reapportionment is made as herein provided, except that if the
53 statement is not filed within six months of the time fixed for the appointment of the commission,
54 it shall stand discharged and the house of representatives shall be apportioned by a commission
55 of six members appointed from among the judges of the appellate courts of the state of Missouri
56 by the state supreme court, a majority of whom shall sign and file its apportionment plan and
57 map with the secretary of state within ninety days of the date of the discharge of the
58 apportionment commission. Thereafter members of the house of representatives shall be elected
59 according to such districts until a reapportionment is made as herein provided.

60 Each member of the commission shall receive as compensation fifteen dollars a day for
61 each day the commission is in session but not more than one thousand dollars, and, in addition,
62 shall be reimbursed for his actual and necessary expenses incurred while serving as a member
63 of the commission.

64 No reapportionment shall be subject to the referendum.

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