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Speaker Jon Patterson Applauds Passage of HJR 23: Jackson County Voters Deserve a Say on Their Assessor

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – House Speaker Jon Patterson, R-Lee’s Summit, today announced the passage of **House Joint Resolution 23**, a measure that gives Jackson County residents the opportunity to elect their county assessor—the same as every other county in Missouri.

HJRs 23 & 3 proposes a constitutional amendment that, pending voter approval, would require the Jackson County Assessor to be an elected official. Currently, Jackson County is the only charter county in Missouri not required to elect its assessor, an exception that has drawn increasing scrutiny from taxpayers and lawmakers alike amidst soaring property value assessments.

“This is an important step forward in the fight against unfair taxes,” Speaker Patterson said. “With the passage of this legislation, voters in Missouri will get the chance to give Jackson County the right to have its own elected assessor, just like every other county in the state does. It improves accountability, cuts property taxes, and ensures the kind of transparency taxpayers deserve. The days of unchecked overreach by the Jackson County Tax Assessor need to come to an end.”

If approved by Missouri voters, the constitutional amendment would bring Jackson County in line with every other county in the state, strengthening local control and restoring public confidence in the property assessment process.

“Jackson County families and homeowners have waited long enough,” Patterson added. “Now, they’ll finally have the chance to make their voices heard at the ballot box.”

Representative Jon Patterson, a Republican, represents District 30, which includes parts of Lee’s Summit. He was elected to his first two-year term in November of 2018. Rep. Patterson currently serves as Speaker of the House and is committed to making life safer, better, and more affordable for Missouri families. For more information, please contact Rep. Patterson’s office at 573- 751-0907 or via email at Jonathan.Patterson@House.Mo.Gov.