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State Representative Carolyn Caton Celebrates Passage of HJR 23: Empowering Jackson County Voters

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – State Representative Carolyn Caton proudly celebrates the passage of HJR 23. Pending voter approval, this constitutional amendment aims to require Jackson County to elect its county assessor, bringing it in line with every other county in Missouri.

Unlike all other charter counties in Missouri, Jackson County currently does not elect its assessor, leading to concerns about accountability and transparency in property assessments. HJR 23 would address this by giving Jackson County residents the power of choice, ensuring fairer taxation and stronger local oversight.

Rep. Caton, R-Blue Springs, underscored the importance of HJR 23: “This is such a victory for Jackson County homeowners. They deserve the same rights as every other Missourian to elect the official who determines their property values. By finally passing this legislation, we’ve taken a critical step towards restoring fairness and giving our community a direct voice in this process. I’m thrilled to see it move forward.”

House Speaker Jonathan Patterson, R-Lee’s Summit, echoed this sentiment, stating, “Jackson County families and homeowners have waited long enough. Now, they’ll finally have the chance to make their voices heard at the ballot box.” He added, “This is an important step forward in the fight against unfair taxes. 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.”

Now that HJR 23 has been truly agreed to and finally passed out of the House, it moves on to the Governor’s desk. Upon Governor Mike Kehoe’s approval, HJR 23 will be placed before Missouri voters to decide whether to amend the state constitution or not. Rep. Caton is hopeful that voters will see the importance of this legislation and will vote accordingly to empower fellow Missourians in Jackson County with the same opportunity every other Missouri county has.

Rep. Carolyn Caton, a Republican, represents part of Jackson County, (District 33) in the Missouri House of Representatives. Rep. Caton was elected in November 2024. For more information, please contact Rep. Caton at 573-751-9766 or by email at Carolyn.Caton@house.mo.gov

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