

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES LINTON AND HANAWAY (Co-sponsors).

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 18(b) of article VI and section 22 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to property assessment and taxation.

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, 2002, 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 amendments to article VI and article X of the Constitution
5 of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 18(b), article VI and section 22, article X, Constitution of Missouri,
2 are repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 18(b), article
3 VI and section 22, article X, to read as follows:

Section 18(b). The charter shall provide for its amendment, for the form of the county
2 government, the number, kinds, manner of selection, terms of office and salaries of the county
3 officers, and for the exercise of all powers and duties of counties and county officers prescribed
4 by the constitution and laws of the state, **except the charter for any county of the first**
5 **classification with a charter form of government with more than one million inhabitants**
6 **shall require that the county assessor shall be elected by the qualified voters of the county**
7 **in the year 2004 and every four years thereafter.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Section 22. (a) Counties and other political subdivisions are hereby prohibited from
2 levying any tax, license or fees, not authorized by law, charter or self-enforcing provisions of the
3 constitution when this section is adopted or from increasing the current levy of an existing tax,
4 license or fees, above that current levy authorized by law or charter when this section is adopted
5 without the approval of the required majority of the qualified voters of that county or other
6 political subdivision voting thereon. If the definition of the base of an existing tax, license or
7 fees, is broadened, the maximum authorized current levy of taxation on the new base in each
8 county or other political subdivision shall be reduced to yield the same estimated gross revenue
9 as on the prior base. If the assessed valuation of property as finally equalized, excluding the
10 value of new construction and improvements, increases [by a larger percentage than the increase
11 in the general price level] from the previous year, the maximum authorized current levy applied
12 thereto in each county or other political subdivision shall be reduced to yield the same gross
13 revenue from existing property[, adjusted for changes in the general price level,] as could have
14 been collected at the existing authorized levy on the prior assessed value.

15 (b) The limitations of this section shall not apply to taxes imposed for the payment of
16 principal and interest on bonds or other evidence of indebtedness or for the payment of
17 assessments on contract obligations in anticipation of which bonds are issued which were
18 authorized prior to the effective date of this section.