

HJR 41 -- State Court Jurisdiction

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Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment prohibits the Missouri Supreme Court or any inferior court of the state from imposing or ordering any new or increased taxes, licenses, or fees except when expressly authorized by an act of the General Assembly or by Missouri voters. The amendment also prohibits any Missouri court from instructing or ordering the General Assembly or any elected or appointed officer of the state or any political subdivision or governmental agency or authority to appropriate or spend public funds except as expressly authorized by legislation or approved by Missouri voters. However, the amendment will not limit the court's authority to enter and enforce judgments concerning lawful contracts or bonded indebtedness of the state or enjoin the levy or collection of illegal taxes, licenses, or fees or the expenditure of public funds not authorized by law.