

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 424

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES DAVIS (Sponsor), SANDER, FUNDERBURK, KOENIG,
COOPER, WELLS AND SCHARNHORST (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 1, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the fundamental right of parents to rear their children, with a referendum clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 1, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 1.207, to read as follows:

2 **1.207. Parents and legal guardians have a natural and fundamental right to direct**
3 **the care, education, and upbringing of their children. No government action shall burden,**
4 **abridge, or hinder this natural fundamental right unless it is in the furtherance of a**
5 **compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering that**
6 **compelling government interest.**

Section B. Section A of this act is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state
2 for approval or rejection at an election which is hereby ordered and which shall be held and
3 conducted on the Tuesday immediately following the first Monday in November, 2010, or at a
4 special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, pursuant to the laws and
5 constitutional provisions of this state applicable to general elections and the submission of
6 referendum measures by initiative petition, and it shall become effective when approved by a
7 majority of the votes cast thereon at such election and not otherwise.

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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.