

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES WELLS (Sponsor), POLLOCK, FRAKER, RIDDLE, CURTMAN, FRANZ, LOEHNER, SCHOELLER, WRIGHT, KLIPPENSTEIN, DENISON, FLANIGAN, TILLEY, DIEHL, ALLEN, GATSCHENBERGER, SCHAD, WYATT, LAIR, HOSKINS, THOMSON, STREAM, LARGENT, GUERNSEY, DUGGER, LASATER, FISHER, BAHR, PHILLIPS, SATER, ELMER, GRISAMORE, PARKINSON, BERRY, KELLEY (126), LONG, SMITH (150), LICHTENEGGER, ENTLICHER, DAVIS, BRATTIN, CRAWFORD, CAUTHORN, NETH, LANT, REIBOLDT, BROWN (85), FUHR, REDMON, JOHNSON, BERNSKOETTER, JONES (117), CIERPIOT, BRANDOM, ASBURY, WALLINGFORD, LEARA, LAUER, McNARY, HIGDON, HOUGHTON, FAITH, KEENEY, FITZWATER, FRANKLIN, HINSON, LEACH, HAMPTON, MEADOWS, DAY, SILVEY, BURLISON, JONES (89), RUZICKA, KOENIG, McGHEE, SCHATZ, CROSS, SHUMAKE, FUNDERBURK, WIELAND, SCHARNHORST, CONWAY (14), ZERR, HAEFNER, BROWN (116), FREDERICK, CASEY, SCHIEFFER, CONWAY (27), ATKINS, McDONALD, McMANUS, HODGES, HARRIS, TAYLOR, AULL, SWEARINGEN, WEBB, FALLERT, NANCE, WETER, MARSHALL, SCHIEBER, COOKSON, ROWLAND AND SCHNEIDER (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 1 of article V of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the judicial department.

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 following the first Monday in November, 2012, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article V of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 1, article V, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 1, to read as follows:

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.

Section 1. The judicial power of the state shall be vested in a supreme court, a court of
2 appeals consisting of districts as prescribed by law, and circuit courts. **The courts provided for**
3 **in this section, when exercising their judicial authority, shall uphold and adhere to the law**
4 **as provided in the United States Constitution, the Constitution of Missouri, the United**
5 **States Code, federal regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and if necessary the law**
6 **of another state of the United States, provided the law of the other state does not include**
7 **Sharia law, in making judicial decisions. The courts shall not look to the legal precepts of**
8 **other nations or cultures. Specifically, the courts shall not consider international law or**
9 **Sharia law. The provisions of this section shall apply to all cases before the respective**
10 **courts, including but not limited to cases of first impression.**