

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ELLINGTON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 16 of article I of the Constitution of Missouri, relating to grand juries.

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, 2016, 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 amendment to article I of the Constitution of the state of
5 Missouri:

Section A. Section 16, article I, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed.

2 [Section 16. That a grand jury shall consist of twelve citizens, any nine
3 of whom concurring may find an indictment or a true bill: Provided, that no
4 grand jury shall be convened except upon an order of a judge of a court having
5 the power to try and determine felonies; but when so assembled such grand jury
6 shall have power to investigate and return indictments for all character and grades
7 of crime; and that the power of grand juries to inquire into the willful misconduct
8 in office of public officers, and to find indictments in connection therewith, shall
never be suspended.]

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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.