

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 107

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFAVER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment to article III of the Constitution of Missouri, by adopting one new section relating to a convenience clause as a method to pass legislation at an earlier date.

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*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, 2016, 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 III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Article III, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding one new section, to be known as section 29(a), to read as follows:

**Section 29(a). No law passed by the general assembly, except an appropriation act, shall take effect until ninety days after the adjournment of the session in either odd-numbered or even-numbered years at which it was enacted; except that, if the general assembly determines that it would be most convenient for legislation to be passed at a time earlier than the time provided for under this section, the general assembly by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to each house, taken by yeas and nays, may otherwise direct so long as it is expressed in the preamble or body of the bill; and further except that, if the general assembly recesses for thirty days or more it may prescribe by joint resolution that laws previously passed and not effective shall take effect ninety days from the beginning of the recess.**

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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.