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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 40(a) of article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the conservation commission.

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, 2018, 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 IV of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 40(a), article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 40(a), to read as follows:

Section 40(a). The control, management, restoration, conservation and regulation of the bird, fish, game, forestry and all wildlife resources of the state, including hatcheries, sanctuaries, refuges, reservations and all other property owned, acquired or used for such purposes and the acquisition and establishment thereof, and the administration of all laws pertaining thereto, shall be vested in a conservation commission consisting of ~~four~~ **eight** members appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate~~[-not]~~ . **No more than two of whom** **four members** shall be of the same political party, **and the number of members that are independent of any political party shall not exceed the number of independent members elected to the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate from Missouri in the most recent presidential election. Each member shall reside in a different region under the map of eight regions in use by the conservation commission as of**

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.

12 **December 1, 2011.** The members shall have knowledge of and interest in wildlife conservation.
13 The members shall hold office for terms of six years beginning on the first day of July [~~of~~
14 ~~consecutive odd years. Two of the terms shall be concurrent; one shall begin two years before~~
15 ~~and one two years after the concurrent terms]. **The starting and ending years of the terms**
16 **shall be staggered such that no more than three terms shall end in the same year. Members**
17 **may be reappointed but shall not serve more than two terms or twelve years, whichever**
18 **occurs first.** If the governor fails to fill a vacancy within thirty days, the remaining members
19 shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. The members shall receive no salary or other
20 compensation for their services as members, but shall receive their necessary traveling and other
21 expenses incurred while actually engaged in the discharge of their official duties.~~

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