

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATORS PARSON, BROWN, KRAUS, SATER, LIBLA, MUNZLINGER,
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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment to article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section relating to the right to farm.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on
2 Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2014, or at a special
3 election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted
4 to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following
5 amendment to article I of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Article I, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding
2 thereto one new section, to be known as section 35, to read as follows:

**Section 35. That agriculture which provides food, energy, health
2 benefits, and security is the foundation and stabilizing force of
3 Missouri's economy. To protect this vital sector of Missouri's economy,
4 the right of farmers and ranchers to engage in modern farming and
5 ranching practices shall be forever guaranteed in this state. No law
6 shall be enacted which abridges the right of farmers and ranchers to
7 employ agricultural technology and modern livestock production and
8 ranching practices.**

Section B. Pursuant to Chapter 116, RSMo, and other applicable
2 constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to
3 adopt ballot language for the submission of a joint resolution to the voters of this
4 state, the official ballot title of the amendment proposed in Section A shall be as
5 follows:

6 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to ensure that the
7 right of Missouri citizens to employ modern farming and ranching

8 practices and equipment shall not be infringed?"

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