

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19**  
**98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Reported from the Committee on Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources, January 21, 2016, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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**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.

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

Section A. Section 40(a), article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed  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

Section 40(a). The control, management, restoration, conservation and  
2 regulation of the bird, fish, game, forestry and all wildlife resources of the state,  
3 including hatcheries, sanctuaries, refuges, reservations and all other property  
4 owned, acquired or used for such purposes and the acquisition and establishment  
5 thereof, and the administration of all laws pertaining thereto, shall be vested in  
6 a conservation commission consisting of [four] **nine** members appointed by the  
7 governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate[, not]. **No** more than  
8 [two of whom] **five members** shall be of the same political party, **and the**  
9 **number of members that are independent of any political party shall**  
10 **not exceed the number of independent members elected to the United**  
11 **States House of Representatives and the United States Senate from**  
12 **Missouri in the most recent presidential election. Of the nine members,**

**EXPLANATION**—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

13 **eight members shall reside in a different region under the map of eight**  
14 **regions in use by the conservation commission as of December 1,**  
15 **2011. The ninth member shall be an at-large member and may reside**  
16 **anywhere in this state.** The members shall have knowledge of and interest in  
17 wildlife conservation. The members shall hold office for terms of six years  
18 beginning on the first day of July [of consecutive odd years. Two of the terms  
19 shall be concurrent; one shall begin two years before and one two years after the  
20 concurrent terms]. **The starting and ending years of the terms shall be**  
21 **staggered such that no more than three terms shall end in the same**  
22 **year. Members may be reappointed but may not serve more than two**  
23 **terms or twelve years, whichever occurs first.** If the governor fails to fill  
24 a vacancy within thirty days, the remaining members shall fill the vacancy for  
25 the unexpired term. The members shall receive no salary or other compensation  
26 for their services as members, but shall receive their necessary traveling and  
27 other expenses incurred while actually engaged in the discharge of their official  
28 duties.

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