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90TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 8 of article III of the Constitution of Missouri relating to term limits, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the same subject.

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 Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2000, 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Section A. Section 8, article III, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 8, to read as follows:

Section 8. **1. Except as provided in this section**, no one shall [be elected or appointed to] serve more than eight years total in any one house of the General Assembly nor more than sixteen years total in both houses of the General Assembly. In applying this section, service in the General Assembly resulting from an election or appointment prior to [the effective date of this section] **December 3, 1992**, shall not be counted.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if a committee as defined pursuant to law files a petition to elect a person who is otherwise qualified for office, and such petition contains the signatures of a number of voters in that district which is equal to at least ten percent of the voters casting votes for that office in that district in the last election, such person shall be eligible for election to an additional term or terms of office. The petition shall be filed no later than the second Tuesday in December of the year prior to the election for that office, and shall be filed with the election authority as defined pursuant to law of the county within which such district is located. If the district contains more than one county, the petition shall be filed with

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

the election authority of the county with the largest population as taken at the last decennial census. The election authority shall complete verification of signatures on the petition no later than the second Tuesday in January of the year in which an election for that office is designated to be held.

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