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90TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment to article IX of the Constitution of Missouri relating to education.

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 IX of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Article IX, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 11, to read as follows:

Section 11. 1. The general assembly shall, within twelve months of the effective date of this section, establish a state school aid distribution formula which satisfies the requirements of this section.

2. The state school aid distribution formula shall provide basic school operating revenues to all districts on an equal dollar amount per pupil basis in the manner provided by law; provided that revenues from the portion of a local school operating levy in excess of two dollars and seventy-five cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation shall be counted as a deduction from state aid to the district.

3. All school districts shall levy an operating levy no less than one dollar and twenty-five cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation and all revenues from the first one dollar and twenty-five cents of school operating levy shall be transferred to the state fund used to fund state school aid distribution, provided that the revenues so transferred shall not be construed to be state revenues pursuant to article X of this Constitution and provided that a portion of such revenues as provided by law may be deducted and distributed to the counties of the state, in proportion to the revenues

transferred to the state from the county pursuant to this subsection, to fund assessment or collection of property taxes. No school district shall be required to levy a school operating levy in excess of one dollar and twenty-five cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

4. The general assembly is authorized to enact, without further voter approval, an increase of the state sales tax of up to one percent on taxable sales above the rate of state sales tax in effect on the effective date of this section, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Appropriations for state school aid shall be increased no less than the estimated amount of the increase in revenues obtained the prior fiscal year from the increase in state sales tax authorized pursuant to this subsection; and

(2) The state sales tax shall be increased by no more than the amount determined as necessary to maintain current statewide average per pupil state and local school operating revenues at the level available for the year in which this section becomes effective including an adjustment for increases in cost of living as may be established by law.

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