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Senate Hearing Scheduled April 30 on Sen. Jane Cunningham's Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Guarantee Power to Tax Citizens Lies Solely with the Legislative Branch

*Proposed Legislation Would Allow Missouri Voters to Inoculate the State
Constitution Against Any Attempts by Judicial Branch to Raise Taxes*

JEFFERSON CITY — A Senate panel will consider a proposed constitutional amendment ([SJR 15](#)) sponsored by state Sen. Jane Cunningham, R-Chesterfield, that would allow Missouri voters to decide if the state of Missouri should inoculate the Missouri State Constitution against any attempts to tread on its principle that the responsibility to tax citizens lies solely with the state's Legislative branch or by direct approval of voters.

"This legislation will give Missourians the right to speak their mind through their vote on whether on not they want to make sure no one other than the General Assembly has the right to raise taxes in the state of Missouri," Sen. Cunningham said. "Unfortunately, some judges are treading on this founding principle and ordering tax increases from the bench. If approved, this constitutional amendment would unequivocally guarantee the Legislature would never be required to enact legislation to comply with a court order declaring it raise taxes."

Senate Joint Resolution 15 will be heard by the Senate Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight Committee.

Who: Senator Jane Cunningham

What: Hearing on Senate Joint Resolution 15 — a proposed constitutional amendment providing that the General Assembly is NOT required to enact legislation to comply with a court order declaring that it raise taxes.

When: Thursday, April 30, at 8:30 a.m.

Where: Senate Committee Room 1, First Floor, Missouri State Capitol.

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