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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR JUSTUS.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing sections 50 and 52(a) of article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to petitions for referenda and initiatives.

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, 2012, 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 III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 50 and 52(a), article III, Constitution of Missouri, are
2 repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections
3 50 and 52(a), to read as follows:

Section 50. Initiative petitions proposing amendments to the constitution
2 shall be signed by eight percent of the legal voters in each [of two-thirds] of the
3 congressional districts in the state, and petitions proposing laws shall be signed
4 by five percent of such voters. Every such petition shall be filed with the
5 secretary of state not less than six months before the election and shall contain
6 an enacting clause and the full text of the measure. Petitions for constitutional
7 amendments shall not contain more than one amended and revised article of this
8 constitution, or one new article which shall not contain more than one subject and
9 matters properly connected therewith, and the enacting clause thereof shall be
10 "Be it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be
11 amended:". Petitions for laws shall contain not more than one subject which shall
12 be expressed clearly in the title, and the enacting clause thereof shall be "Be it

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

13 enacted by the people of the state of Missouri:".

Section 52(a). A referendum may be ordered (except as to laws necessary
2 for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, and laws
3 making appropriations for the current expenses of the state government, for the
4 maintenance of state institutions and for the support of public schools) either by
5 petitions signed by five percent of the legal voters in each of [two-thirds of] the
6 congressional districts in the state, or by the general assembly, as other bills are
7 enacted. Referendum petitions shall be filed with the secretary of state not more
8 than ninety days after the final adjournment of the session of the general
9 assembly which passed the bill on which the referendum is demanded.

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