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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 32(a) of article VI of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the city of St. Louis.

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 VI of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 32(a), article VI, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed
2 and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 32(a), to read
3 as follows:

Section 32(a). 1. The charter of the city of St. Louis now existing, or as
2 hereafter amended or revised, may be amended or revised for city or county
3 purposes from time to time by proposals therefor submitted by the lawmaking
4 body of the city to the qualified voters thereof, at a general or special election
5 held at least sixty days after the publication of such proposals, and accepted by
6 three-fifths of the qualified electors voting for or against each of said amendments
7 or revisions so submitted.

8 **2. The city of St. Louis shall submit to the voters of the city of St.**
9 **Louis, at the next general or special election held at least sixty days**
10 **after the publication of such proposals, a ballot initiative to change the**
11 **city's charter in the following ways:**

12 **(1) The number of wards shall be reduced from twenty-eight to**
13 **four and the number of alderman shall be reduced from twenty-eight**
14 **to eight, and Article 1, Section 3 and Article IV, Section 1 of the city**

15 charter shall be amended to reflect these changes. Article II, sections
16 3 and 4 of the city's charter shall be amended to provide elections for
17 the eight members of the board of aldermen. Such elections shall
18 include one in which the residents of each of the odd numbered wards
19 elect a member to represent the ward on the board of aldermen for a
20 term of two years and residents of each of the even numbered wards
21 elect a member to represent the ward on the board of aldermen for a
22 term of four years, and one in which the residents of the city of St.
23 Louis at large elect two members for a two year term and two members
24 for a four year term with the length of terms being selected by
25 lot. Upon expiration of the term of each member of the board of
26 aldermen, a successor shall be elected for a term of four years
27 thereafter;

28 (2) The mayor of the city of St. Louis shall be authorized to
29 appoint, with the advice and consent of the board of aldermen , the city
30 offices of Collector of Revenue, License Collector, Recorder of Deeds,
31 Sheriff, and Treasurer. Such appointments shall occur upon the
32 expiration of the terms of the elected officers in office on the effective
33 date of this section, and Article VIII, Section 1 shall be amended to
34 reflect these changes;

35 (3) The mayor of the city of St. Louis shall be authorized to
36 appoint, with the advice and consent of the board of aldermen, six
37 members to a public safety commission, one for a term of one year, one
38 for a term of two years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of
39 four years, one for a term of five years, and one for a term of six
40 years. Upon expiration of the term of each commissioner, a successor
41 shall be appointed for a term of six years. Each commissioner shall be
42 removable for cause, shall hold office for the term appointed and
43 thereafter until a successor is appointed and qualified. Each
44 commissioner shall be a resident of the city of St. Louis for at least one
45 year prior to the time of appointment. No member of the commission
46 shall be an employee of the city of St. Louis or a contractor with the
47 city of St. Louis and not more than three members shall be affiliated
48 with the same political party. Article XIII, Section 15 shall be amended
49 to reflect these changes.

50 3. The ballot of submission shall be substantially in the following
51 form:

52 Shall the charter of the city of St. Louis be amended to
53 provide for the following changes in the governance of the
54 city:

- 55 (1) Reduce the number of wards to four;
- 56 (2) Reduce the board of aldermen to eight members
57 with one member elected from each ward and four elected
58 by the population of the city of St. Louis at large;
- 59 (3) Authorize the mayor to appoint, with the advice
60 and consent of the board of aldermen, the following offices:
- 61 (a) Collector of Revenue;
- 62 (b) License Collector;
- 63 (c) Recorder of Deeds;
- 64 (d) Sheriff;
- 65 (e) Treasurer;
- 66 (4) Establish a public safety commission to manage,
67 control, and conduct the department of public safety?

68 YES NO

69 4. If a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question
70 within the city of St. Louis vote in favor then the board of aldermen
71 shall make the required amendments to the city charter and reduce the
72 number of wards to four and its number of board members to eight
73 with eight years of the passage of this amendment in such a manner
74 and form to allow the terms of office for sitting aldermen to
75 expire. When the number of wards shall have been reduced to four and
76 the number of aldermen reduced to eight the other amendments to the
77 charter shall take effect. Once the city charter has been amended, the
78 provisions contained herein may be amended in the same manner as
79 any other provisions in the charter. If the question does not receive
80 approval from a majority of the voters, the question shall not
81 subsequently be placed on a ballot in the city of St. Louis under the
82 authority granted by this section.

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