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96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 40(a) of article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the conservation commission.

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 IV of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 40(a), article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed

- 2 and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 40(a), to read
- 3 as follows:

Section 40(a). The control, management, restoration, conservation and

- 2 regulation of the bird, fish, game, forestry and all wildlife resources of the state,
- 3 including hatcheries, sanctuaries, refuges, reservations and all other property
- 4 owned, acquired or used for such purposes and the acquisition and establishment
- 5 thereof, and the administration of all laws pertaining thereto, shall be vested in
- 6 a conservation commission consisting of [four] eight members appointed by the
- 7 governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, not more than [two]
- 8 four of whom shall be of the same political party, and with each member
- 9 residing in a different region under the map of eight regions in use by
- 10 the conservation commission as of December 1, 2011. The members shall
- 11 have knowledge of and interest in wildlife conservation. The members shall hold
- 12 office for terms of six years beginning on the first day of July [of consecutive odd

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years. Two of the terms shall be concurrent; one shall begin two years before and one two years after the concurrent terms]. The starting and ending years of the terms shall be staggered such that no more than three terms shall 15 end in the same year. Members may be reappointed but may not serve 16 more than two terms or twelve years, whichever occurs first. If the 17governor fails to fill a vacancy within thirty days, the remaining members shall 18 fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. The members shall receive no salary or 19 20 other compensation for their services as members, but shall receive their necessary traveling and other expenses incurred while actually engaged in the 21discharge of their official duties. 22

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