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# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 30(a) of article VI of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the board of freeholders.

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*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Section A. Section 30(a), article VI, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed  
2 and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 30(a), to read  
3 as follows:

Section 30(a). 1. The people of the city of St. Louis and the people of the  
2 county of St. Louis shall have power (1) to consolidate the territories and  
3 governments of the city and county into one political subdivision under the  
4 municipal government of the city of St. Louis; or, (2) to extend the territorial  
5 boundaries of the county so as to embrace the territory within the city and to  
6 reorganize and consolidate the county governments of the city and county, and  
7 adjust their relations as thus united, and thereafter the city may extend its limits  
8 in the manner provided by law for other cities; or, (3) to enlarge the present or  
9 future limits of the city by annexing thereto part of the territory of the county,  
10 and to confer upon the city exclusive jurisdiction of the territory so annexed to  
11 the city; or, (4) to establish a metropolitan district or districts for the functional  
12 administration of services common to the area included therein; or, (5) to  
13 formulate and adopt any other plan for the partial or complete government of all  
14 or any part of the city and the county. The power so given shall be exercised by

15 the vote of the people of the city and county upon a plan prepared by a board of  
16 freeholders consisting of nineteen members, nine of whom shall be electors of the  
17 city and nine electors of the county and one an elector of some other  
18 county. Upon the filing with the officials in general charge of elections in the city  
19 of a petition proposing the exercise of the powers hereby granted, signed by  
20 registered voters of the city in such number as shall equal three percent of the  
21 total vote cast in the city at the last general election for governor, and the  
22 certification thereof by the election officials to the mayor, and to the governor,  
23 then, within ten days after the certification the mayor shall, with the approval  
24 of a majority of the board of aldermen **and in accordance with the equal**  
25 **protection clause of the United States Constitution**, appoint the city's nine  
26 members of the board, not more than five of whom shall be members of or  
27 affiliated with the same political party. Each member so appointed shall be given  
28 a certificate certifying his appointment signed by the mayor and attested by the  
29 seal of the city. Upon the filing with the officials in general charge of elections  
30 in the county of a similar petition signed by registered voters of the county, in  
31 such number as shall equal three percent of the total vote cast in the county at  
32 the last general election for governor, and the certification thereof by the county  
33 election officials to the county supervisor of the county and to the governor,  
34 within ten days after the certification, the county supervisor shall, with the  
35 approval of a majority of the county council **and in accordance with the equal**  
36 **protection clause of the United States Constitution**, appoint the county's  
37 nine members of the board, not more than five of whom shall be members of or  
38 affiliated with the same political party. Each member so appointed shall be given  
39 a certificate of his appointment signed by the county supervisor and attested by  
40 the seal of the county.

41 **2. The board of freeholders established in subsection 1 of this**  
42 **section shall convene for regular meetings each month beginning**  
43 **January 1, 2014, and ending December 31, 2017.**

44 **3. The people of the city of St. Louis and the people of the county**  
45 **of St. Louis shall have the power to change any provision of this section**  
46 **or section 30(b) of this article upon a vote of the people of the city and**  
47 **county. Any such proposal to change any provision of this section or**  
48 **section 30(b) of this article shall be submitted to the qualified voters of**  
49 **the city and county separately. If the proposal is adopted, copies of the**  
50 **adopted proposal certified by the election authorities of the city and**

51 the county shall be deposited in the office of the secretary of state and  
52 recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds for the city, and in the  
53 office of the recorder of deeds of the county, and the courts of this state  
54 shall take judicial notice thereof.

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