

FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14**  
**97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Reported from the Committee on General Laws, March 7, 2013, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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**JOINT RESOLUTION**

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 23 of article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the right of Missouri citizens to keep and bear arms.

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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, 2014, 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 I of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 23, article I, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and  
2 one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 23, to read as  
3 follows:

Section 23. That the right of every citizen to keep and bear arms in  
2 defense of his home, person, **family** and property, or when lawfully summoned  
3 in aid of the civil power, shall not be questioned[; but this shall not justify the  
4 wearing of concealed weapons]. **The rights guaranteed by this section shall**  
5 **be unalienable. The state of Missouri shall be obligated to uphold these**  
6 **rights and shall under no circumstances decline to protect against their**  
7 **infringement.**

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional  
2 provisions and laws of the this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot  
3 language for the submission of this act to the voters of this state, the official  
4 ballot title of this act shall be as follows:

5 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to include a  
6 declaration that the right to keep and bear arms is a unalienable

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

7 right and that the state government is obligated to uphold that  
8 right?"

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