

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SCHAAF.

Read 1st time January 31, 2013, and ordered printed.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section relating to admissibility of evidence.

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. Article I, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding one
2 new section, to be known as section 18(c), to read as follows:

**Section 18(c). Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 17 and
2 18(a) of this article to the contrary, in prosecutions for crimes of a
3 sexual nature involving a victim under eighteen years of age, relevant
4 evidence of prior criminal acts, whether charged or uncharged, is
5 admissible for the purpose of corroborating the victim's testimony or
6 demonstrating the defendant's propensity to commit the crime with
7 which he or she is presently charged. The court may exclude relevant
8 evidence of prior criminal acts if the probative value of the evidence
9 is substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice.**

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