

SENATE SUBSTITUTE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

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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 Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2016, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article IV of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

1 Section A. Section 40(a), article IV, Constitution of
2 Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu
3 thereof, to be known as section 40(a), to read as follows:

4 Section 40(a). The control, management, restoration,
5 conservation and regulation of the bird, fish, game, forestry and
6 all wildlife resources of the state, including hatcheries,
7 sanctuaries, refuges, reservations and all other property owned,
8 acquired or used for such purposes and the acquisition and
9 establishment thereof, and the administration of all laws

1 pertaining thereto, shall be vested in a conservation commission
2 consisting of ~~[four]~~ nine members appointed by the governor, by
3 and with the advice and consent of the senate[, not]. No more
4 than [two of whom] five members shall be of the same political
5 party, and the number of members that are independent of any
6 political party shall not exceed the number of independent
7 members elected to the United States House of Representatives and
8 the United States Senate from Missouri in the most recent
9 presidential election. Of the nine members, eight members shall
10 reside in a different region under the map of eight regions in
11 use by the conservation commission as of December 1, 2011. The
12 ninth member shall be an at-large member and may reside anywhere
13 in this state. The members shall have knowledge of and interest
14 in wildlife conservation. The members shall hold office for
15 terms of six years beginning on the first day of July [of
16 consecutive odd years. Two of the terms shall be concurrent; one
17 shall begin two years before and one two years after the
18 concurrent terms]. The starting and ending years of the terms
19 shall be staggered such that no more than three terms shall end
20 in the same year. Members may be reappointed but may not serve
21 more than two terms or twelve years, whichever occurs first. If
22 the governor fails to fill a vacancy within thirty days, the
23 remaining members shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.
24 The members shall receive no salary or other compensation for
25 their services as members, but shall receive their necessary
26 traveling and other expenses incurred while actually engaged in
27 the discharge of their official duties.

28 Section B. Pursuant to Chapter 116, RSMo, and other

1 applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state
2 allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the
3 submission of a joint resolution to the voters of this state, the
4 official ballot title of the amendment proposed in Section A
5 shall be as follows:

6 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to change the
7 number of members on the Conservation Commission from four to
8 nine, with eight of the members representing different regions of
9 the state and one member being at-large?"