

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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## 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.

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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, 2016, 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Section A. Section 40(a), article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed  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]. **No more than**  
8 **[two of whom] four members** shall be of the same political party, **and the**  
9 **number of members that are independent of any political party shall**  
10 **not exceed the number of independent members elected to the United**  
11 **States House of Representatives and the United States Senate from**  
12 **Missouri in the most recent presidential election. Each member shall**

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

13 **reside in a different region under the map of eight regions in use by the**  
14 **conservation commission as of December 1, 2011.** The members shall have  
15 knowledge of and interest in wildlife conservation. The members shall hold office  
16 for terms of six years beginning on the first day of July [of consecutive odd  
17 years. Two of the terms shall be concurrent; one shall begin two years before and  
18 one two years after the concurrent terms]. **The starting and ending years of**  
19 **the terms shall be staggered such that no more than three terms shall**  
20 **end in the same year. Members may be reappointed but may not serve**  
21 **more than two terms or twelve years, whichever occurs first.** If the  
22 governor fails to fill a vacancy within thirty days, the remaining members shall  
23 fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. The members shall receive no salary or  
24 other compensation for their services as members, but shall receive their  
25 necessary traveling and other expenses incurred while actually engaged in the  
26 discharge of their official duties.

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