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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment to article VII of the Constitution of Missouri, by adding thereto three new sections relating to ethics.

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 VII of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Article VII, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding
2 thereto three new sections, to be known as sections 15, 16, and 17, to read as
3 follows:

**Section 15. The amount of contributions made by or accepted
2 from any person other than a candidate in any one election shall not
3 exceed the following:**

4 **(1) To elect an individual to the office of governor, lieutenant
5 governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, state auditor, or attorney
6 general, ten thousand dollars;**

7 **(2) To elect an individual to the office of state senator, five
8 thousand dollars;**

9 **(3) To elect an individual to the office of state representative,
10 two thousand five hundred dollars.**

11 **2. For purposes of this subsection, "base year amount" shall be
12 the contribution limits prescribed in this section on January 1,
13 2017. Such limits shall be increased on the first day of January in each
14 even-numbered year by multiplying the base year amount by the**

15 cumulative Consumer Price Index and rounded to the nearest
16 twenty-five-dollar amount, for all years since January 1, 2017. For
17 purposes of this section "Consumer Price Index" shall mean the
18 Consumer Price Index for All Consumers for the United States, or its
19 successor index, as such index is defined and officially reported by the
20 United States Department of Labor, or its successor agency.

Section 16. No member of the general assembly or the governor,
2 lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, state
3 treasurer, or state auditor, or such person's staff, employee, spouse, or
4 dependent children shall accept any tangible or intangible item,
5 service, or thing of value from any lobbyist. For purposes of this
6 section, the term "lobbyist" shall mean any person who is required to
7 register as a lobbyist with the Missouri Ethics Commission.

Section 17. No member of the general assembly shall act or serve
2 as a lobbyist, register as a lobbyist, or solicit clients to represent as a
3 lobbyist until one year after the expiration of any term of office for
4 which such member is elected. For purposes of this section, the term
5 "lobbyist" shall mean any person who is required to register as a
6 lobbyist with the Missouri Ethics Commission.

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