JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 8 of article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to members of the general assembly.

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, 2018, 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 III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 8, article III, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 8 and 16(a), to read as follows:

Section 8. 1. No one shall be elected to serve more than [eight] sixteen years total in [any one house of] the General Assembly [nor more than sixteen years total in both houses of the General Assembly]. In applying this section, service in the General Assembly resulting from an election prior to December [3, 1992] 6, 2018, or service of less than one year, in the case of a member of the house of representatives, or two years, in the case of a member of the senate, by a person elected after the effective date of this section to complete the term of another person, shall not be counted.

2. No one elected to serve in the General Assembly shall serve more than four years in each of the following positions:

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.
(1) Speaker of the House of Representatives;
(2) President pro tempore of the Senate;
(3) Majority leader of the House of Representatives;
(4) Majority leader of the Senate;
(5) Minority leader of the House of Representatives; or
(6) Minority leader of the Senate.

Section 16(a). No member of the general assembly or such person's staff, employee, spouse, or dependent children shall accept any expenditure from any lobbyist registered pursuant to Missouri law or from any lobbyist principal, as defined by law. For purposes of this section, the term "expenditure" shall mean any payment made or charge, expense, cost, debt or bill incurred; any gift, honorarium or item of value bestowed including any food or beverage; any price, charge or fee which is waived, forgiven, reduced or indefinitely delayed; any loan or debt which is cancelled, reduced or otherwise forgiven; the transfer of any item with a reasonably discernible cost or fair market value from one person to another or provision of any service or granting of any opportunity for which a charge is customarily made, without charge or for a reduced charge.