

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 53

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR EIGEL.

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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 23 of article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the appropriation of state money.

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, 2020, 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Section A. Section 23, article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and
2 one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 23, to read as
3 follows:

Section 23. **1.** The fiscal year of the state and all its agencies shall be the
2 twelve months beginning on the first day of July in each year. The general
3 assembly shall make appropriations for one or two fiscal years, and the
4 sixty-third general assembly shall also make appropriations for the six months
5 ending June 30, 1945. Every appropriation law shall distinctly specify the
6 amount and purpose of the appropriation without reference to any other law to
7 fix the amount or purpose.

**2. No state department or agency shall implement any program
9 which confers a state public benefit without an appropriation for such
10 program.**

**3. As used in this section, the term "state public benefit" shall
12 include any grant, contract, loan, or tax credit provided by a
13 department or agency of state government or any retirement, welfare,
14 health, disability, housing, or food assistance benefit under which**

15 payments, assistance, credits, or reduced rates or fees are provided.

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