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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HEGEMAN.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 25(a) of article V of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the nonpartisan court plan.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the
2 state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday
3 in November, 2022, or at a special election to be called by
4 the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to
5 the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or
6 rejection, the following amendment to article V of the
7 Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 25(a), article V, Constitution of
2 Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu
3 thereof, to be known as section 25(a), to read as follows:

Section 25(a). Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the
2 office of judge of any of the following courts of this
3 state, to wit: The supreme court, the court of appeals, or
4 in the office of circuit or associate circuit judge within
5 the city of St. Louis and Jackson county, the governor shall
6 fill such vacancy by appointing one [of three persons]
7 **person** possessing the qualifications for such office, who
8 shall be nominated [and whose] **from a list of** names [shall
9 be] submitted to the governor by a nonpartisan judicial
10 commission established and organized as hereinafter

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

11 provided. **Such list of names shall include all qualified**
12 **nominees and shall not be limited in number, but shall**
13 **contain at least three nominees.** If the governor fails to
14 appoint any of the nominees within sixty days after the list
15 of nominees is submitted, the nonpartisan judicial
16 commission making the nomination shall appoint one of the
17 nominees to fill the vacancy.

Section B. Pursuant to section 116.155, RSMo, and
2 other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this
3 state authorizing the general assembly to adopt ballot
4 language for the submission of a joint resolution to the
5 voters of this state, the official summary statement of the
6 amendment proposed in section A shall be as follows:

7 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to
8 allow a nonpartisan judicial commission to send
9 a list of an unlimited number of qualified
10 candidates to the governor, as opposed to the
11 current limitation of three candidates, from
12 which the governor shall appoint one to fill a
13 judicial vacancy in certain courts?"

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