

SENATE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38
JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 21 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the funding of law enforcement agencies.

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 X of the
7 Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 21, article X, Constitution of
2 Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu
3 thereof, to be known as section 21, to read as follows:

Section 21. 1. The state is hereby prohibited from
2 reducing the state financed proportion of the costs of any
3 existing activity or service required of counties and other
4 political subdivisions. A new activity or service or an
5 increase in the level of any activity or service beyond that
6 required by existing law shall not be required by the
7 general assembly or any state agency of counties or other
8 political subdivisions, unless a state appropriation is made
9 and disbursed to pay the county or other political
10 subdivision for any increased costs.

11 2. Notwithstanding the foregoing prohibitions, before
12 December 31, 2026, the general assembly may by law increase
13 minimum funding for a police force established by a state

14 board of police commissioners to ensure such police force
15 has additional resources to serve its communities.

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other
2 applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state
3 allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for
4 the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of
5 this state, the official summary statement of this
6 resolution shall be as follows:

7 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to
8 authorize laws, passed before December 31, 2026,
9 that increase minimum funding for a police force
10 established by a state board of police
11 commissioners to ensure such police force has
12 additional resources to serve its communities?"