

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 54

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BERNSKOETTER.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 14 of article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to court fees for the funding of retirement benefits of elected sheriffs.

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 I of the
7 Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 14, article I, Constitution of
2 Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu
3 thereof, to be known as section 14, to read as follows:

Section 14. **1.** That the courts of justice shall be
2 open to every person, and certain remedy afforded for every
3 injury to person, property or character, and that right and
4 justice shall be administered without sale, denial or delay.

**2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section
6 to the contrary, in addition to such fees as may be imposed
7 by the laws of this state, a fee of three dollars is hereby
8 imposed on the initial filing of any criminal case in the
9 courts of this state. The fee imposed pursuant to this
10 section shall be collected by the court clerk as court costs**

11 and are payable at the time of filing any criminal court
12 case. The court clerk shall pay such moneys collected to
13 the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall deposit such
14 moneys into a fund created by law for the purposes of
15 funding retirement allowances and other benefits as allowed
16 by the laws of this state for elected sheriffs. The fee
17 imposed pursuant to this section may be increased by the
18 laws of this state at such times and in such manner as the
19 general assembly deems appropriate.

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 provide additional funding for retirement
9 benefits of elected sheriffs?".

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