

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 67

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR O'LAUGHLIN.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 29 of article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the department of transportation.

*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, 2026, 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 IV of the  
7 Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 29, article IV, Constitution of  
2 Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu  
3 thereof, to be known as section 29, to read as follows:

Section 29. [The highways and transportation  
2 commission shall be in charge of the department of  
3 transportation] **The director of the department of**  
4 **transportation shall be appointed by the governor by and**  
5 **with the advice and consent of the senate, and shall be in**  
6 **charge of the department of transportation. The**  
7 **qualifications of the director shall be fixed by law. The**  
8 **highways and transportation commission shall advise the**  
9 **governor regarding transportation matters and the department**  
10 **of transportation.** The number, qualifications, compensation

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

11 and terms of the members of the highways and transportation  
12 commission shall be fixed by law, and not more than one-half  
13 of its members shall be of the same political party. The  
14 selection and removal of all employees **other than the**  
15 **director** shall be without regard to political affiliation.  
16 The highways and transportation commission (i) shall have  
17 authority over the state highway system; (ii) shall have  
18 authority over all other transportation programs and  
19 facilities as provided by law, including, but not limited  
20 to, aviation, railroads, mass transportation, ports, and  
21 waterborne commerce; and (iii) shall have authority to limit  
22 access to, from and across state highways and other  
23 transportation facilities where the public interests and  
24 safety may require. All references to the highway  
25 commission and the department of highways in this  
26 constitution and in the statutes shall mean the highways and  
27 transportation commission and the department of  
28 transportation.

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