

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES CIERPIOT (Sponsor), CONWAY (14), COX, POLLOCK,
HOSKINS, DIECKHAUS, ROWLAND, CROSS, BAHR, REDMON AND BERNSKOETTER (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment to article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section relating to guaranteeing the right to vote by secret ballot.

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

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next
2 following the first Monday in November, 2012, or at a special election to be called by the
3 governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for
4 adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article I of the Constitution of the state of
5 Missouri:

Section A. Article I, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding one new section,
2 to be known as section 35, to read as follows:

**Section 35. That the right of individuals to vote by secret ballot is fundamental and
2 thus, where local, state, or federal law requires public elections for public office or public
3 votes on initiatives or referenda, or requires designations or authorizations for employee
4 representation, the right of individuals to vote by secret ballot shall be guaranteed.**

Section B. The official ballot title for section A of this act shall read as follows:

2 Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to provide that voting by secret ballot is a
3 fundamental right, and to prohibit the infringement or impairment of the right to vote by secret
4 ballot in public elections or where any law requires designations or authorizations for employee
5 representation?

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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6 It is estimated this proposal will have no costs or savings to state or local government
7 entities.

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