

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 61

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES LOEHNER (Sponsor), FISHER, FITZWATER, ASBURY,
DUGGER, SMITH (150), GUERNSEY, CAUTHORN, LANT, WALLINGFORD,
JOHNSON AND KORMAN (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 the right to raise animals.

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 agriculture which provides food, energy, and security is the
2 foundation and stabilizing force of Missouri's economy. To protect this vital sector of
3 Missouri's economy, it shall be the right of persons to raise livestock in a humane manner
4 without the state imposing an undue economic burden on animal owners. No law
5 criminalizing the welfare of any livestock shall be valid unless based upon generally
6 accepted scientific principles and enacted by the general assembly.**

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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.