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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 17 of article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to term limits for statewide offices.

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 following the first Monday in November, 2016, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article IV of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 17, article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 17, to read as follows:

Section 17. The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer and attorney general shall be elected at the presidential elections for terms of four years each. The state auditor shall be elected for a term of two years at the general election in the year 1948, and his successors shall be elected for terms of four years. No person shall be elected governor, **lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general**, or treasurer more than twice, and no person who has held the office of governor, **lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general**, or treasurer, or acted as governor, **lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general**, or treasurer, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected to the office of governor or treasurer shall be elected to the office of governor or treasurer more than once. **The term limitations for the offices of lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general shall apply to candidates prospectively beginning**

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.

12 **with the offices filled by the general election in the year 2016.** The heads of all the executive
13 departments shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the
14 senate. All appointive officers may be removed by the governor and shall possess the
15 qualifications required by this constitution or by law.

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

5 “Shall the Constitution of Missouri be amended to impose a prospective term limit of two
6 terms in office for persons seeking the office of lieutenant governor, secretary of state, or
7 attorney general such that all statewide offices shall have identical term limits beginning with
8 the terms in office filled by the general election in 2016?”.

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