

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 55

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHUMAKE.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 8 of article IX of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to distribution of state benefits for education.

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, 2018, 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 IX of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 8, article IX, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 8, to read as follows:

Section 8. Neither the general assembly, nor any county, city, town, township, school district or other municipal corporation, ~~shall ever make an appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any religious creed, church or sectarian purpose, or to help to support or sustain any private or public school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other institution of learning controlled by any religious creed, church or sectarian denomination whatever, nor shall any grant or donation of personal property or real estate ever be made by the state, or any county, city, town, or other municipal corporation, for any religious creed, church, or sectarian purpose whatever~~ **may deny to any individual or entity the general state benefits of any education program, funding, or other support on the basis of religious identity or belief, so long as such general state benefits comply with the requirements of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.**

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.

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

"Shall the Constitution of Missouri be amended to state that the general assembly and other local governmental units shall not deny state benefits for education on the basis of religious identity or belief, so long as the benefits comply with the First Amendment to the United States Constitution?"

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