

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BLACK.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 14 of article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to certain fees for law enforcement personnel.

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, 2024, 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 I of the
7 Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 14, article I, Constitution of
2 Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu
3 thereof, to be known as section 14, to read as follows:

Section 14. **1.** That the courts of justice shall be
2 open to every person, and certain remedy afforded for every
3 injury to person, property or character, and that right and
4 justice shall be administered without sale, denial or delay.

**2. In order to ensure that all Missourians have access
6 to the courts of justice as guaranteed by this section, the
7 administration of justice shall include levying costs and
8 fees to support salaries and benefits for state and county
9 law enforcement personnel whose duties are reasonably**

10 **related to the operation of the criminal and civil justice**
11 **system, including sheriffs and former sheriffs.**

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

7 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to
8 provide for costs and fees to support salaries
9 and benefits of law enforcement personnel
10 involved in the criminal and civil justice
11 system?".

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