

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 180

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to Article I of the Constitution of Missouri, by adopting one new section relating to the right to food.

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, 2024, 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 adopting one new
2 section, to be known as Section 36, to read as follows:

**Section 36. All individuals have a natural, inherent, and unalienable right to save
2 and exchange seed and the right to grow, raise, harvest, produce, acquire, and consume
3 the food of their own choosing using standard methods and techniques known for years
4 for their own nourishment, sustenance, bodily health, and well-being, as long as an
5 individual does not commit trespass, theft, poaching, or other abuses of private property
6 rights, public lands, or natural resources in the harvesting, production, or acquisition of
7 food. In addition, all individuals have the right to sell or donate excess food for the
8 benefit of the greater community without liability so long as the individual made the sale
9 or donation in good faith.**

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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.