

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MARSHALL.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing sections 20, 20(a), and 25 of article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting three new sections in lieu thereof relating to the general assembly.

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 III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 20, 20(a), and 25, article III, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and three new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 20, 20(a), and 25, to read as follows:

Section 20. The general assembly shall meet on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in January following each general election. The general assembly may provide by law for the introduction of bills during the period between the first day of December and the first Wednesday after the first Monday of January.

The general assembly shall reconvene on the first Wednesday after the first Monday of January after adjournment at midnight on May thirtieth of the preceding **odd-numbered** year. **The succeeding general assembly shall meet on the first Wednesday after the first Monday of January after adjournment of the previous general assembly at midnight on March fifteenth of the preceding even-numbered year.** A majority of the elected members of each house shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to

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.

11 day, and may compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties
12 as each house may provide. The sessions of each house shall be held with open doors, except
13 in cases which may require secrecy but not including the final vote on bills, resolutions and
14 confirmations. Neither house shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than ten
days at any one time, nor to any other place than that in which the two houses may be sitting.

Section 20(a). **In odd-numbered years**, the general assembly shall adjourn at midnight
2 on May thirtieth, **and in even-numbered years shall adjourn at midnight on March fifteenth**,
3 until the first Wednesday after the first Monday of January of the following year, unless it has
4 adjourned prior thereto. All bills in either house remaining on the calendar after 6:00 p.m. on
5 the first Friday following the second Monday in May **in odd-numbered years, or after 6:00**
6 **p.m. on the first Friday following the first Monday in March** are tabled. The period between
7 the first Friday following the second Monday in May and May thirtieth **in odd-numbered years**
8 **and between the first Friday following the first Monday in March and March fifteenth in**
9 **even-numbered years** shall be devoted to the enrolling, engrossing, and the signing in open
10 session by officers of the respective houses of bills passed prior to 6:00 p.m. on the first Friday
11 following the second Monday in May **in odd-numbered years and prior to 6:00 p.m. on the**
12 **first Friday following the first Monday in March in even-numbered years.**

13 The general assembly shall automatically stand adjourned sine die at 6:00 p.m. on the
14 [sixtieth] **thirtieth** calendar day after the date of its convening in special session unless it has
15 adjourned sine die prior thereto. **Members of the general assembly called into special session**
16 **under this section or section 9 of article IV of this constitution shall receive only the annual**
17 **salary amount as provided by law and shall not receive any mileage or daily expense**
18 **allowances.**

Section 25. No bill other than an appropriation bill shall be introduced in either house
2 after the sixtieth legislative day **in odd-numbered years or the thirtieth legislative day in**
3 **even-numbered years** unless consented to by a majority of the elected members of each house
4 or the governor shall request a consideration of the proposed legislation by a special message.
5 **Beginning January 1, 2017, appropriation bills shall provide for two-year budget cycles,**
6 **and no appropriation bill shall be taken up for consideration after 6:00 p.m. on the first Friday**
7 **following the first Monday in May [of each year] in odd-numbered years.**

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