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99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 6 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to property taxation.

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, 2018, 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 X of the Constitution of the state of
5 Missouri:

Section A. Section 6, article X, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section
2 adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 6, to read as follows:

Section 6. 1. All property, real and personal, of the state, counties and other political
2 subdivisions[;] and **of nonprofit cemeteries**[~~—and~~] **shall be exempt from taxation**; all real
3 property used as a homestead as defined by law of any citizen of this state who is a [~~former~~
4 ~~prisoner of war, as defined by law, and who has~~] **veteran with a total service-connected**
5 **disability or a former first responder with** a total service-connected disability[;] shall be
6 exempt from taxation; all personal property held as industrial inventories, including raw
7 materials, work in progress and finished work on hand, by manufacturers and refiners, and all
8 personal property held as goods, wares, merchandise, stock in trade or inventory for resale by
9 distributors, wholesalers, or retail merchants or establishments shall be exempt from taxation;
10 and all property, real and personal, not held for private or corporate profit and used exclusively
11 for religious worship, for schools and colleges, for purposes purely charitable, for agricultural

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 and horticultural societies, or for veterans' organizations may be exempted from taxation by
13 general law. In addition to the above, household goods, furniture, wearing apparel and articles
14 of personal use and adornment owned and used by a person in his home or dwelling place may
15 be exempt from taxation by general law but any such law may provide for approximate
16 restitution to the respective political subdivisions of revenues lost by reason of the exemption.
17 All laws exempting from taxation property other than the property enumerated in this article,
18 shall be void. **For purposes of this section, "first responder" shall mean any emergency**
19 **first responder, police officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, firefighter, emergency medical**
20 **technician, or paramedic.** The provisions of this section exempting certain personal property
21 of manufacturers, refiners, distributors, wholesalers, and retail merchants and establishments
22 from taxation shall become effective, unless otherwise provided by law, in each county on
23 January 1 of the year in which that county completes its first general reassessment as defined by
24 law.

25 2. All revenues lost because of the exemption of certain personal property of
26 manufacturers, refiners, distributors, wholesalers, and retail merchants and establishments shall
27 be replaced to each taxing authority within a county from a countywide tax hereby imposed on
28 all property in subclass 3 of class 1 in each county. For the year in which the exemption becomes
29 effective, the county clerk shall calculate the total revenue lost by all taxing authorities in the
30 county and extend upon all property in subclass 3 of class 1 within the county, a tax at the rate
31 necessary to produce that amount. The rate of tax levied in each county according to this
32 subsection shall not be increased above the rate first imposed and will stand levied at that rate
33 unless later reduced according to the provisions of subsection 3. The county collector shall
34 disburse the proceeds according to the revenue lost by each taxing authority because of the
35 exemption of such property in that county. Restitution of the revenues lost by any taxing district
36 contained in more than one county shall be from the several counties according to the revenue
37 lost because of the exemption of property in each county. Each year after the first year the
38 replacement tax is imposed, the amount distributed to each taxing authority in a county shall be
39 increased or decreased by an amount equal to the amount resulting from the change in that
40 district's total assessed value of property in subclass 3 of class 1 at the countywide replacement
41 tax rate. In order to implement the provisions of this subsection, the limits set in section 11(b)
42 of this article may be exceeded, without voter approval, if necessary to allow each county listed
43 in section 11(b) to comply with this subsection.

44 3. Any increase in the tax rate imposed pursuant to subsection 2 of this section shall be
45 decreased if such decrease is approved by a majority of the voters of the county voting on such
46 decrease. A decrease in the increased tax rate imposed under subsection 2 of this section may
47 be submitted to the voters of a county by the governing body thereof upon its own order,

48 ordinance, or resolution and shall be submitted upon the petition of at least eight percent of the
49 qualified voters who voted in the immediately preceding gubernatorial election.

50 4. As used in this section, the terms "revenues lost" and "lost revenues" shall mean that
51 revenue which each taxing authority received from the imposition of a tangible personal property
52 tax on all personal property held as industrial inventories, including raw materials, work in
53 progress and finished work on hand, by manufacturers and refiners, and all personal property
54 held as goods, wares, merchandise, stock in trade or inventory for resale by distributors,
55 wholesalers, or retail merchants or establishments in the last full tax year immediately preceding
56 the effective date of the exemption from taxation granted for such property under subsection 1
57 of this section, and which was no longer received after such exemption became effective.

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