

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 48

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 40(a) of Article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the retail sale of deer meat.

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*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 IV of the Constitution of the state  
5 of Missouri:

Section A. Section 40(a), Article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one  
2 new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 40(a), to read as follows:

Section 40(a). **1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section**, the control,  
2 management, restoration, conservation and regulation of the bird, fish, game, forestry and all  
3 wildlife resources of the state, including hatcheries, sanctuaries, refuges, reservations and all  
4 other property owned, acquired or used for such purposes and the acquisition and  
5 establishment thereof, and the administration of all laws pertaining thereto, shall be vested in  
6 a conservation commission consisting of four members appointed by the governor, by and  
7 with the advice and consent of the senate, not more than two of whom shall be of the same  
8 political party. The members shall have knowledge of and interest in wildlife conservation.  
9 The members shall hold office for terms of six years beginning on the first day of July of

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.

10 consecutive odd years. Two of the terms shall be concurrent; one shall begin two years before  
11 and one two years after the concurrent terms. If the governor fails to fill a vacancy within  
12 thirty days, the remaining members shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. The  
13 members shall receive no salary or other compensation for their services as members, but  
14 shall receive their necessary traveling and other expenses incurred while actually engaged in  
15 the discharge of their official duties.

16 **2. The general assembly may, by general law, provide that deer meat harvested**  
17 **by private citizens may be processed and sold at retail for human consumption. Such**  
18 **general law may require that an individual harvesting deer for purposes of this**  
19 **subsection shall obtain a license or permit issued by the conservation commission and**  
20 **that the processing or sale of any deer meat shall be subject to state regulations that are**  
21 **substantially similar to state regulations on the processing and sale of other meats in this**  
22 **state.**

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