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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 66

98TH 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 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 X of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 6, article X, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 6, to read as follows: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 subdivisions, and nonprofit cemeteries, [and] all real property used as a homestead as defined by law of any citizen of this state who is a former prisoner of war, as defined by law, and who has a total service-connected disability, **and all personal property of any citizen who is at least seventy-two years old** shall be exempt from taxation; **real property used as a homestead as defined by law of any citizen of this state who is at least seventy-two years old shall be exempt from any portion of taxation dedicated to the local school district**; all personal property held as industrial inventories, including raw materials, work in progress and finished work on hand, by manufacturers and refiners, and all personal property held as goods, wares, merchandise, stock in trade or inventory for resale by distributors, wholesalers, or retail merchants or establishments shall be exempt from taxation; and all property, real and personal,

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 not held for private or corporate profit and used exclusively for religious worship, for schools
13 and colleges, for purposes purely charitable, for agricultural and horticultural societies, or for
14 veterans' organizations may be exempted from taxation by general law. In addition to the above,
15 household goods, furniture, wearing apparel and articles of personal use and adornment owned
16 and used by a person in his home or dwelling place may be exempt from taxation by general law
17 but any such law may provide for approximate restitution to the respective political subdivisions
18 of revenues lost by reason of the exemption. All laws exempting from taxation property other
19 than the property enumerated in this article, shall be void. The provisions of this section
20 exempting certain personal property of manufacturers, refiners, distributors, wholesalers, and
21 retail merchants and establishments from taxation shall become effective, unless otherwise
22 provided by law, in each county on January 1 of the year in which that county completes its first
23 general reassessment as defined by law.

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

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

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

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

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