

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 73

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MORGAN.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Sections 1(a) and 3(b) of Article IX of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to elementary and secondary education.

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, 2020, 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 IX of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Sections 1(a) and 3(b), Article IX, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 1(a) and 3(b), to read as follows:

Section 1(a). A general diffusion of knowledge and intelligence being essential to the preservation of the rights and liberties of the people, the general assembly shall establish and maintain free public schools for the gratuitous instruction of all persons in this state within ages not in excess of twenty-one years as prescribed by law. **Each student who receives gratuitous instruction in the free public schools of this state is entitled to an adequate and equitable education.**

Section 3(b). In event the public school fund provided and set apart by law for the support of free public schools, shall be insufficient to sustain free schools at least eight months in every year in each school district of the state, the general assembly may provide for such deficiency; but in no case shall there be set apart less than [~~twenty-five~~] **thirty-three** percent 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.

5 the state revenue, exclusive of interest and sinking fund, to be applied annually to the support
6 of the free public schools.

Section B. Under chapter 116, RSMo, and other applicable constitutional provisions and
2 laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of
3 a joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official ballot title of the amendment proposed
4 in Section A shall be as follows:

5 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to guarantee all public school students an
6 adequate and equitable education and change the minimum percentage of state revenue required
7 to be set apart to support the free public schools of this state from twenty-five to thirty-three
8 percent?".

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