

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ESLINGER.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 23 of article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the right to bear arms.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the
2 state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday
3 in November, 2022, or at a special election to be called by
4 the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to
5 the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or
6 rejection, the following amendment to article I of the
7 Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 23, article I, Constitution of
2 Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu
3 thereof, to be known as section 23, to read as follows:

Section 23. That the right of every citizen to keep
2 and bear arms, ammunition, and accessories typical to the
3 normal function of such arms[, in] **shall not be infringed**
4 **and shall forever be guaranteed. This section protects the**
5 **private right of a citizen to keep and bear arms,**
6 **ammunition, and accessories commonly used in hunting; in**
7 **sport shooting; in the lawful** defense of [his] a home, a
8 person, a family [and], or property[,]; or when lawfully
9 summoned in aid of the civil power[, shall not be
10 questioned]. The rights guaranteed by this section shall be

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

11 unalienable. **Arms commonly used for hunting, sport**
12 **shooting, and lawful defense are arms that enable a person**
13 **to hunt, to sport shoot, or to lawfully defend a home, a**
14 **person, a family, or property and include those arms and**
15 **compatible ammunition and accessories that could lawfully be**
16 **purchased by a citizen in this state as of January 1, 2021.**
17 Any restriction on these rights shall be subject to strict
18 scrutiny and the state of Missouri shall be obligated to
19 uphold these rights and shall under no circumstances decline
20 to protect against their infringement. Nothing in this
21 section shall be construed to prevent the general assembly
22 from enacting general laws which limit the rights of
23 convicted violent felons or those adjudicated by a court to
24 be a danger to self or others as result of a mental disorder
25 or mental infirmity.

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