

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SILVEY.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 27 of article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the ability of the governor to control the rate of and reduce expenditures.

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

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on  
2 Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2014, or at a special  
3 election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted  
4 to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following  
5 amendment to article IV of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 27, article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and  
2 one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 27, to read as  
3 follows:

Section 27. The governor may control the rate at which any appropriation  
2 is expended during the period of the appropriation by allotment or other means,  
3 and may reduce the expenditures of the state or any of its agencies below their  
4 appropriations whenever the actual revenues are less than the revenue estimates  
5 upon which the appropriations were based. **Notwithstanding any provision  
6 of this section to the contrary, the governor shall have no authority to  
7 control the rate at which any appropriation to the department of  
8 elementary and secondary education is expended during the period of  
9 appropriation by allotment or other means and the governor shall have  
10 no authority to reduce the expenditures of the department of  
11 elementary and secondary education below their appropriations  
12 whenever the actual revenues are less than the revenue estimates upon  
13 which the appropriations were based.**

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional  
2 provisions and laws of the this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot  
3 language for the submission of this act to the voters of this state, the official  
4 ballot title of this act shall be as follows:

5 "Shall the governor be prohibited from unilaterally reducing the  
6 rate of expenditures of, or withholding funds from, the department  
7 of elementary and secondary education?"

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