

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45**  
97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Appropriations, February 20, 2014, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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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Section A. Section 27, article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and  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 for the payment of  
8 principal and interest on the public debt and any appropriation to the  
9 department of elementary and secondary education is expended during  
10 the period of appropriation by allotment or other means and the  
11 governor shall have no authority to reduce payment of principal and  
12 interest on the public debt and the expenditures of the department of  
13 elementary and secondary education below their appropriations**

14 **whenever the actual revenues are less than the revenue estimates upon**  
15 **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 and for payment of  
8 principal and interest on the public debt?"

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