

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71

## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BLACK.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

### JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 14 of article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the administration of justice.

*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, 2024, 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 14, article I, Constitution of  
2 Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu  
3 thereof, to be known as section 14, to read as follows:

Section 14. **1.** That the courts of justice shall be  
2 open to every person, and certain remedy afforded for every  
3 injury to person, property or character, and that right and  
4 justice shall be administered without sale, denial or delay.

**2. In order to ensure that all Missourians have access  
6 to the courts of justice as guaranteed by this Constitution,  
7 the administration of justice shall include levying costs  
8 and fees to support salaries and benefits for state and  
9 county law enforcement personnel whose duties are reasonably  
10 related to the operation of the criminal and civil justice**

11 **system, including sheriffs, former sheriffs, prosecuting**  
12 **attorneys, former prosecuting attorneys, circuit attorneys,**  
13 **and former circuit attorneys.**

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

7 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to  
8 preserve funding of law enforcement personnel  
9 for the administration of justice?".

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