

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 29 of article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the department of transportation.

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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CON-  
CURRING THEREIN:**

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2004, 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 IV of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 29, article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 29, to read as follows:

Section 29. [The department of highways and transportation shall be in charge of a highways and transportation commission. The number, qualifications, compensation and terms of the members of the highways and transportation commission shall be fixed by law, and not more than one-half of its members shall be of the same political party.] A director of transportation, appointed by

the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate,  
shall be in charge of the department of transportation. The  
selection and removal of all employees shall be without regard to  
political affiliation. The [highways and transportation  
commission] department shall have authority over all state  
transportation programs and facilities as provided by law,  
including, but not limited to, bridges, highways, aviation,  
railroads, mass transportation, ports, and waterborne commerce,  
and shall have authority to limit access to, from and across  
state highways where the public interest and safety may require.  
The present members of the highway commission shall serve as  
[members of the highways and transportation commission for the  
remainder of the terms for which they were appointed] such until  
a director has been appointed by the governor and confirmed by  
the senate. All references to the highway commission and the  
department of highways in this constitution and in the statutes  
shall mean the [highways and transportation commission] director  
of transportation and the department of [highways and]  
transportation.