

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. _____

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Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 18(a) of article VI of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to special charter counties.

**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 VI of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 18(a), article VI, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 18(a), to read as follows:

Section 18(a). Any county [having more than 85,000 inhabitants, according to the census of the United States, may frame and adopt and amend a charter for its own government as provided in this article, and upon such adoption shall be a body corporate and politic. In addition and as an alternative to the foregoing, any county which attains first class county status and

maintains such status for at least two years] shall be authorized to frame and adopt and amend a charter for its own government as provided by this article, and upon such adoption by a vote of the qualified electors of such county shall be a body corporate and politic. Counties which adopt or which have adopted a charter or constitutional form of government shall be a separate class of counties outside of the classification system established under section 8 of this article.