

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 49

## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES WRIGHT (137) (Sponsor) AND AVERY (Co-sponsor).

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### JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 7 of article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to protecting the display of religious documents.

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

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next  
2 following the first Monday in November, 2006, or at a special election to be called by the  
3 governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for  
4 adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article I of the Constitution of the state of  
5 Missouri:

Section A. Section 7, article I, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section  
2 adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 7, to read as follows:

Section 7. That no money shall ever be taken from the public treasury, directly or  
2 indirectly, in aid of any church, sect or denomination of religion, or in aid of any priest, preacher,  
3 minister or teacher thereof, as such; and that no preference shall be given to nor any  
4 discrimination made against any church, sect or creed of religion, or any form of religious faith  
5 or worship; **and this section shall be construed to protect the discretionary authority of the  
6 state or any political subdivision to display in public institutions and buildings and on  
7 public grounds any recognized documents with a religious content, including the Ten  
8 Commandments.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.