

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

[PERFECTED]

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES NIEVES (Sponsor), DEEKEN, YATES, ERVIN, NOLTE, WILDBERGER, DAY, FISHER, SMITH (14), DAVIS, RICHARD, SANDER, DENISON, QUINN (7), SCHARNHORST, WILSON (130), NANCE, LOEHNER, DUSENBERG, MAY, McGHEE, SATER, RUESTMAN, SMITH (150), WILSON (119), MUSCHANY, AVERY, DIXON, MOORE, SCHAD, LEMBKE, ROBB, KRAUS, RUZICKA, ONDER, STREAM, HUNTER, PEARCE, DETHROW, COOPER (155), FUNDERBURK, BEARDEN, SCHOELLER, SELF, TILLEY, SCHLOTTACH, MUNZLINGER AND BRUNS (Co-sponsors).

Read 1st time January 8, 2007 and copies ordered printed.

Read 2nd time January 9, 2007 and referred to the Special Committee on Immigration January 24, 2007.

Reported from the Special Committee on Immigration February 7, 2007 with recommendation that the House Joint Resolution Do Pass. Referred to the Committee on Rules pursuant to Rule 25(21)(f).

Reported from the Committee on Rules February 13, 2007 with recommendation that the House Joint Resolution Do Pass, with no time limit for debate on Perfection.

Taken up for Perfection February 22, 2007. House Joint Resolution ordered Perfected and printed, as amended.

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment to article I of the Constitution of Missouri, relating to English as the official state language.

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, 2008, 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:

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.

Section A. Article I, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 34, to read as follows:

Section 34. That English shall be the language of all official proceedings in this state. Official proceedings shall be limited to any meeting of a public governmental body at which any public business is discussed, decided, or public policy formulated, whether such meeting is conducted in person or by means of communication equipment, including, but not limited to, conference call, video conference, Internet chat, or Internet message board. The term "public meeting" shall not include an informal gathering of members of a public governmental body for ministerial or social purposes when there is no intent to avoid the purposes of this chapter, but the term shall include a public vote of all or a majority of the members of a public governmental body, by electronic communication or any other means, conducted in lieu of holding a public meeting with the members of the public governmental body gathered at one location in order to conduct public business.

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