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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7
94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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:

Section A. Article I, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 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
2 **state. Official proceedings shall be limited to any meeting of a public governmental body**
3 **at which any public business is discussed, decided, or public policy formulated, whether**
4 **such meeting is conducted in person or by means of communication equipment, including,**
5 **but not limited to, conference call, video conference, Internet chat, or Internet message**
6 **board. The term "official proceeding" shall not include an informal gathering of members**
7 **of a public governmental body for ministerial or social purposes, but the term shall include**
8 **a public vote of all or a majority of the members of a public governmental body, by**
9 **electronic communication or any other means, conducted in lieu of holding an official**

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.

- 10 proceeding with the members of the public governmental body gathered at one location in
11 order to conduct public business.

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