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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES DAVIS (Sponsor), JONES (89), SANDER, STEVENSON, LEMBKE, NIEVES, FISHER, HARRIS (110), SATER, COOPER (155), ONDER AND FUNDERBURK (Co-sponsors).

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing section 2(b) of article XII of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to amending the constitution.

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
following the first Monday in November, 2008, 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 XII of the Constitution of the state of
Missouri:
Section A. Section 2(b), article XII, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new
section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 2(b), to read as follows:
Section 2(b). All amendments proposed by the general assembly or by the initiative shall
be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection by official ballot title as may be

3 provided by law, on a separate ballot without party designation, at the next general election, or

4 at a special election called by the governor prior thereto, at which he may submit any of the

- 5 amendments. No such proposed amendment shall **be submitted if any person, group, or entity**
- 6 has received compensation for gathering signatures on such petition, and no such proposed
- 7 **amendment shall** contain more than one amended and revised article of this constitution, or one

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.

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8 new article which shall not contain more than one subject and matters properly connected 9 therewith. If possible, each proposed amendment shall be published once a week for two 10 consecutive weeks in two newspapers of different political faith in each county, the last publication to be not more than thirty nor less than fifteen days next preceding the election. If 11 there be but one newspaper in any county, publication for four consecutive weeks shall be made. 12 If a two-thirds majority of the votes cast thereon is in favor of any amendment, the same shall 13 take effect at the end of thirty days after the election; provided, however, that any measure 14 15 adopted by a simple majority vote during the period from November 1, 1998, to November 1, 2008, may be amended or repealed by a simple majority vote. More than one amendment 16 17 at the same election shall be so submitted as to enable the electors to vote on each amendment 18 separately.

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