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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES CUNNINGHAM (86) (Sponsor),
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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing sections 6 and 7 of article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to public aid for religious purposes.

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Section A. Sections 6 and 7, article I, Constitution of Missouri, are repealed and two new
2 sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 6 and 7, to read as follows:

Section 6. That no person can be compelled to erect, support or attend any place or
2 system of worship, or to maintain or support any priest, minister, preacher or teacher of any sect,
3 church, creed or denomination of religion; but if any person shall voluntarily make a contract for
4 any such object, he **or she** shall be held to the performance of the same. **This section shall be**
5 **construed to be no more restrictive than the First Amendment of the United States**
6 **Constitution.**

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,

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.

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. **This section shall be construed to be no more restrictive than the First**
6 **Amendment of the United States Constitution.**

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